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## Parties in talks over festival proposals

PLANS are being developed ahead of this year's Black Country Day festival with councillors meeting to exchange ideas.

Leaders from Dudley Council's main political parties have been invited for talks to further develop the 2015 event.

Plans are currently at an early stage but all parties have been asked to bring their proposals to the table.

UKIP group leader in Dudley, Councillor Paul Brothwood is looking to promote the festival by creating school champions.

### Schools

Wordsley representative Councillor Brothwood believes the champions will help raise awareness of the event.

He said: "I'm hoping that schools would like to take part in the event."

"I'd like to take the idea further by linking schools together through their champions."

"Last year's Black Country Festival, which was run through the community, proved a huge success and I feel that through school champions it will only help people understand their identity."

"I also want it to be non-political because this is a community festival."

## Fashion chain jobs at risk

STRUGGLING clothing retailer Bank has become the first high street store to go into administration following the Christmas rush, putting more than 1,500 jobs at risk.

The firm operates 84 stores nationwide - including one at the Merry Hill shopping centre - and all stores remain open as normal.

No redundancies have been made while administrator Deloitte is considering interest in the business from several parties.

# ZOO SUCCESS IS ANIMAL MAGIC

**THOUSANDS more visitors have been pouring through the gates of Dudley Zoo and bosses have taken on extra staff to cope.**

The success continued during the festive period with more than 12,000 people visiting the grotto at the Castle Hill attraction.

In total, 22 new members of staff have been hired at the Castle Hill attraction as it celebrates a bumper year in 2014. Zoo chief executive Peter Suddock says the boost comes with more improvements in the pipeline.

Major construction projects have come to fruition including the creation of a new shop, entrance and car park. Work has continued on the renovation of the amphitheatre-shaped Bear Ravine, one of the architecturally significant Tecton structures. These include Kiosk One, which will become an information point.

### Iconic

Renovations have also seen the iconic zoo entrance restored back to its former glory. The famous 'wave' entrance on Castle Hill has gone back to its original blue colour and lights have been put behind the 'zoo' letters to make them stand out at night. Metal meshing has been re-painted and the roof repaired.

Costs for the entrance and shop are £417,000, with £200,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund, and remaining £217,000 paid from the zoo's own coffers. The funds are part of a £1.15 million Heritage Lottery Fund contribution that also helped towards the refurbishment of the 1958 chairlift and the launch of an apprenticeship scheme for concrete repair and conservation skills.

By Andrew Turton

Mr Suddock said: "It is fantastic to see the business in such a good place and growing successfully."

"Visitor numbers have grown year-on-year. Last year's figure of 265,000 have increased to 290,000, which is a nine per cent rise, and indicates a solid growth."

He added that demand for events and animal experiences, alongside restoration works, prompted expansion of the workforce, which now stands at 82 employees - excluding seasonal staff. That includes a full restructuring of the retail section to cover the new shop and entrance.

"Further demands for our vintage chairlift and road train, also for birthday parties and special events, required us to grow our core operations team, while animal sections welcomed four apprentice keepers."

"It's a success that has been hard won and follows many, many years of behind-the-scenes work and investment. We are delighted that through these actions Dudley Zoo is entering a new era. Projects for 2015 include the launch of Castle Creatures, featuring live animals within medieval walls, a birthday experience for young visitors, plus four newly-restored Tecton structures to explore."

## Hayley signs up as boot camp booms



Getting a lift - Hayley O'Farrell-Wignall with Joshua Burchell and Lee Morgan at Priory Park

AN urban boot camp launched in Netherton is proving so popular it's now taken on a new trainer and is staging extra workout sessions.

Hayley O'Farrell-Wignall, a 34-year-old fitness lecturer at Dudley College of Further Education, has joined trainers Joshua Burchell, aged 24, and Lee Morgan, 31, at Total Body Fitness (TBF).

Hayley, who has been teaching fitness since she was 18, added: "TBF is as much about social interaction as fitness with regular monthly events such as meals and other nights out."

Training is held on the car park of Champions Church at Cinder Bank, Netherton, and at Dudley's Priory Park.

Since the business was formed last February by internet entrepreneur Joshua and his sales manager friend Lee, numbers have steadily increased to around 30 a session.

"The time is right to offer more classes," said Joshua. "Although we are not a slimming class, we've seen some remarkable body transformations and weight-loss."

"Classes are nothing like the perceived Sergeant Major-style delivery of barking orders to recruits and are open to anyone from 16 to 60," added Joshua.

Supervised training is held at Priory Park at 6.30am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. On Saturday sessions are held at 10am at Champions Church car park. There are also evening classes.

## Man is in court over body in basement

A MAN from the Black Country has appeared in court charged with the murder of a father who was found in the basement of a house in Rowley Regis.

The body of Baljit Singh was discovered at the house in Beeches Road on New Year's Day.

He had been missing since December 23 when he had left his home in Birmingham to collect a birthday cake for his son.

Stuart Millership, who is accused of killing 50-year-old Mr Singh, was remanded in custody at Sandwell Magistrates' Court on Monday.

### Plea

Millership, aged 32, of Beeches Road, Rowley Regis, spoke only to confirm his name.

He was set to appear at Wolverhampton Crown Court yesterday (Wednesday) for a plea and case management hearing.

Millership was arrested on New Year's Eve in King-swinford.

A post mortem found that the victim Mr Singh, from Meadow Road, Harborne, Birmingham, had died as a result of head injuries and a knife wound to the neck.

Mr Singh had been one of the founders of Smethwick-based Mahal Warriors Football Club.

## Motorcyclist hurt in crash

A MOTORCYCLIST was taken to hospital with a suspected broken leg after hitting the back of a bus.

The accident happened in Moor Street, Brierley Hill, at around 3.25pm on Saturday. Firefighters believe the bike slid on a metal drain cover after rain made roads greasy. They helped raise the bus to allow them to pull the bike from underneath it.

The road, near the junction with North Street, was blocked for up to an hour after the accident.



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# Charity making bid for £350,000

A CHARITY which helps vulnerable people and those recovering from alcohol and drug addictions in Dudley is bidding for more than £350,000.

The cash would be used to fund a new base and increase its range of support services.

Summit House Support, which has been running for more than 20 years, is in Martin Hill Street.

Bosses have now bought bigger premises within the St Thomas's ward – one of Dudley's most deprived areas to enable them to expand.

The charity provides programmes and support for people recovering from drug and alcohol misuse.

It also offers support, advice and information for people living with HIV/AIDS as well as the lesbian,

gay, bisexual and transgender communities.

The charity has been working with Dudley Council on its application for £351,000 from Public Health England.

Some of the money will be used to set up a kitchen for training and a cafe.

While there would also be work units and rooms where support

groups could be run. Council chief executive John Polychronakis said it would enable the charity to have a bigger presence in St Thomas'.

"Summit House Support have recently purchased a property in the St Thomas's Ward which is bigger than the existing building and will enable the delivery of a wide range of high quality services. The space will be utilised to include offices."

# Leader makes pledge to freeze council tax

**DUDLEY Council's new leader has pledged that council tax in the borough will be frozen for the fifth year running.**

Councillor Pete Lowe said thanks to the authority's prudence and early planning, he will be leading a motion to not increase tax for 2015/16.

But he admitted there was a risk of further job losses over the next three years as the council attempts to save

## Officer hit by car is out of hospital

ONE of two police officers seriously injured when a car was shunted into them at Dudley Port has been released from hospital.

Both officers suffered leg fractures after being thrown into the air when a VW Golf GTI ploughed into the back of a stationary Mercedes E350 they had stopped on a routine check at 1.30pm on Sunday morning.

They were on the A461 outside Dudley Port railway station, near Tipton.

The 46-year-old has since been released but the other man, 44, remains in hospital and continues to be treated for leg injuries.

The crash shunted the Mercedes into the police officers.

Both officers suffered broken legs and one was knocked unconscious. The driver of the Golf was trapped in the wreckage of her car.

The 37-year-old Golf driver, from Dudley Port, was taken to hospital with a suspected broken shoulder and was spoken to by officers, who continue to investigate the circumstances of the collision.

Anyone with information should call the collision investigation unit on 101.

£27million over that period. He said: "There are no plans to raise the council tax."

"Through efficiencies and workings within the council about where we can drive out savings we have been able to do this."

But he added: "Going into 2016/17 and 2017/18 there is always that risk of job losses."

"But we have been very fortunate in Dudley because we have taken decisions quicker than many other authorities and we have been able to do things in a planned manner so we have kept compulsory redundancies to absolute minimum."

## Charges

The motion, if approved, would mean the cost for an average Band D property remains at £1,283 a year.

However, charges will be made by the Fire Authority and Police and Crime Commissioner.

This year the council was given £1,145,027 from the Government for its council tax freeze grant.

It is predicted that if a council tax freeze for 2015/16 is agreed, the authority would receive £1,154,632 from the Government.

Among the savings outlined are cuts to street cleaning and plans to shorten the collection period for green waste to save £100,000.

Maintenance of parks and public spaces would also be reduced.

## Fight on to keep car park



The Haden Cross pub where campaigners are fighting the pub's car park becoming a Co-op

CAMPAIGNERS are gearing up to fight plans to build a convenience store on the car park of a popular Cradley Heath pub.

Proposals for the Co-Operative store at the Haden Cross Inn have been lodged with Sandwell Council and will be considered in the coming weeks.

The scheme would reduce parking spaces for pub-goers from 30 to just five.

Chairman of the Friends of Haden Cross Inn group, Tim Haskey, thinks this would be the end for the pub and create its own problems.

He said: "The first issue and the reason we are campaigning is to save the pub. But there is also the issue of health and safety."

"The pub is on a busy road and although this shop may not increase traffic it would increase the number of manoeuvres on and off the car park."

"It is an accident waiting to happen if there was to be a pub and a shop."

"A third issue is we just don't need another convenience store around here."

New River Retail, which owns the Haden Cross, said the proposals had been designed to help safeguard the future of the pub.

But more than 400 people have signed a petition against the plans and the friends group is working to get the pub recognised as an 'asset of community value'.

Mr Haskey believes it would be worthy of the title with its own football team and three darts teams.

He added: "Before 11am, when the pub is shut, the car park is empty. But from 3pm most days it is full."

The friends group is holding a public meeting at the pub on January 13 from 7.30pm.

# Boss must pay up to clear pile of rubbish

A MAN who failed to clear up a towering pile of rubbish in Brierley Hill faces having his assets seized following a court ruling.

Refuse Derived Fuel Ltd director Robert McNaughton served a term in jail last year for failing to comply with a court order to clear the site in Moor Street. But the Environment Agency continues to struggle to get the 19ft high rubbish pile cleared.

Now the agency has been granted a writ of sequestration from the High Court, allowing officials to seize assets from Mr McNaughton and the company. The assets would then be used to pay for clearing up the site.

Harriet Templar-Vasey, spokesman for the agency, said: "We are continuing to take legal action to force Refuse Derived Fuel Limited and its director, Robert McNaughton, to clear the remaining waste from the site."

"We have recently obtained a writ of sequestration from the High Court. Enforcement officers have visited both Mr McNaughton and the company, and are currently investigating what assets can be seized. It is possible that there will be further court hearings in the near future as a result of this."

## Boy in court after stabbing

A 14-year-old schoolboy has appeared in court charged with attempted murder after a stabbing on a Dudley bus.

The teenager from Dudley is accused of stabbing a 29-year-old man in Burton Road last Friday. He appeared at Warley Magistrates' Court on Monday. The case was adjourned and the teenager will reappear at Wolverhampton Crown Court tomorrow (Friday).

The man stabbed remains in hospital. A 19-year-old woman also injured on the bus has been released from hospital after treatment.

## Variety show

COMEDIAN and actor Duggie Brown comperes a night reliving the Good Old Days of Variety at Dudley Town Hall. Due to repairs at the venue, the afternoon show has been moved back from March 3 to October 13. Tickets are £11. Call (01384) 812812.

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Decision is due on college housing

PLANS to build more than 40 homes on the site of a former Dudley College campus are poised to be given the go-ahead, paving the way for work to start.

They have been earmarked for the Mons Hill campus, off Wrens Hill Road, in Dudley.

It is phase one of a proposed housing development which will eventually see around 80 homes at the site.

The scheme will go before councillors at a meeting of Dudley Council's planning committee on Monday.

Blood donor plea as numbers drop

THE number of blood donors in Dudley has dropped – prompting an appeal for more to come forward.

Figures show there were 6,719 active donors in Dudley in 2014, a drop from 6,513 the previous year.

NHS Blood and Transplant along with council bosses, hope to increase the number of volunteers.

Councillor Rachel Harris, cabinet member responsible for health, said: "This is a chance for residents in Dudley to do a good deed."

New laughter yoga sessions to start

NEW sessions of laughter yoga will begin next week in Wordsley.

Maggie Thompson will hold the sessions from 7-8pm on Monday, January 12 at Wordsley Community Centre, The Green.

They aim to give people the opportunity to let go of their inhibitions and laugh together with deep breathing exercises in a group.

For details call 07565 218567.

Socks and chocs given to homeless

A CHURCH donated hundreds of pairs of socks to the homeless as part of an annual appeal.

Our Lady and All Saints church in Stourbridge also gave 381 pieces of chocolate to the needy as part of its Socks and Chocs initiative.

Sleep bags were also given out at soup kitchens over the festive period.

Puppy is rescued

A PUPPY stuck between a fence and a conservatory in Dudley was cut free by a fire crew. They created a gap in the fence at a property in Warrens Hall Road to release the distressed animal on Friday evening.

# Guest site homes on way after long delay

PLANS to transform part of the site of a Victorian hospital in Dudley into a development of more than 200 homes have hit further delays, with work now not expected to start until the end of 2015.

Dudley Guest Hospital, in Tipton Road in Dudley, was put in the hands of the Home and Communities Agency (HCA) for a major residential development seven years ago, when most of its NHS services ended.

Wates Living Space was appointed developer for the £30 million project four years ago but mine shafts and limestone workings have caused delays for the scheme.

## Design

The HCA had hoped a planning application would be submitted to Dudley Council last year, but now expect one to be lodged this summer.

Assad Hamed, area manager for the HCA in the Midlands, said: "HCA is working with Wates Living Space as our development partner to conclude design matters for the Guest site."

"The developer is planning to submit their planning application in summer 2015."

# Recycle cards at superstore

SHOPPERS can recycle their Christmas cards and wrapping paper at Sainsbury's stores in the Black Country.

The supermarket chain is collecting the items for the Forest Stewardship Council and last year raised more than £9,000.

Used cards and wrapping paper can be dropped into collection boxes until Tuesday, January 13. They will be recycled and a donation made to FSC UK.

Amblecote store manager Kevin Healy said: "We had a really good response from our customers last year."

## Swift bus move

AN Oyster-style bus card will be available across the West Midlands in the next few months, bosses say.

Centro is introducing the electronic Swift smartcard. Currently the cards are only accepted by some bus companies but operators are poised to extend it.

# Manager has trainees cooking on gas

A MANAGER who is helping to train the next generation of gas engineers has been honoured by Stourbridge College.

Allan Ovington, regional service operations manager for Worcester-based Bosch Group, has been the driving force behind the training programme.

He has taken apprentices from all over the country through their Level 3 Diploma in gas utilisation at the college's Advanced Technology Campus in Brierley Hill.

The partnership between the college and Bosch Group has been running for five years.

Mr Ovington was presented with a Fellowship Award for his work.

Mr Ovington, said: "It is really nice to be recognised in this way at such a wonderful event which highlights how important progression is for people who want to improve both personally and professionally."

"From my perspective I find it nourishing to be involved in the future of our business by ensuring that employees are trained and have the opportunities to progress."

"We have been really impressed with the high standards of teaching and leaning as well

as the knowledge and experience of staff." Other award winners at the Higher Education Awards Graduation Ceremony were Stephen Booth of Straumann UK, Les Ratcliffe of Jaguar Land Rover and James Villarreal of Glide UK.

Andrew Cleaves, principal at Birmingham Metropolitan College, which runs Stourbridge College, said: "On behalf of the college, students, staff and the governing body, I congratulate them all and offer my thanks for their much-valued support and continuing friendship."



College principal Andrew Cleaves with Allan Ovington

# Boss of theatre campaign in vow to carry on project

CAMPAIGNERS wanting to reopen the Dudley Hippodrome as a theatre are refusing to give up their fight – despite their proposal being dismissed by the new leader of the borough council.

The Friends of Dudley Hippodrome group suffered a blow after Councillor Pete Lowe claimed the members' business case was not viable.

It comes two years after a previous proposal by the group for the venue, last used as a theatre 50 years ago, was turned down.

Their latest business plan would see the venue refurbished with 1,600 seats. Funding would be raised from grants and from renting out meeting rooms.

## Discuss

Councillor Lowe has claimed that the group's business case 'didn't stand up', inviting the members for a meeting to discuss other platforms to provide group space in the borough.

Group chairman Gordon Downing said members will not give up on their scheme.

He said: "It is disappointing the members found out through the newspaper rather than being contacted beforehand, it has left a lot of people upset. But we are not giving up. I want to have a meeting and find out how the decision on our business case was made."

"Our figures do stand up."

By Alex Ross

We don't intend to get the money to do the revamp straight away, we would raise cash gradually by renting out rooms. Our calculations were done using £20 for a seat to a show, that is really a minimum considering the names we could get. The case is solid, we based it on the Plaza theatre in Stockport."

Under the business plan, the projected running costs would stand at £112,000 but could be reduced by at least 80 per cent if the group was granted charitable status.

The Hippodrome would be open 250 days a year with 10 full-time staff.

Profit would come from ticket sales and refreshment stalls with takings based on selling 800 seats a show.

Dudley Hippodrome was built 1938 and was used as a theatre until 1964, when it became a bingo hall. The building has been unused since 2009.

## MP wants action over DVLA

MP Ian Austin says some motorists have been unable to drive for up to six months due to delays in DVLA applications. The Dudley North MP said he had been contacted by constituents who had been hit hard by delays in vehicle tax and registration applications being processed.

He has now called on the Government to get the bottom of the problem as a matter of urgency. "This isn't just a minor inconvenience," he added.



Keith Jeffries, Deb Brownlee and Martin Horwood with some of the items for sale

# Click and collect jumble at church

THE popularity of click-and-collect shopping has inspired fundraisers to set up their own store in aid of the restoration of a Dudley church.

Members of St John's Church Preservation Group believe they have hit on an innovative way of converting donated items into funds, using a combination of social media and conventional jumble sales.

But they have also been prompted to try a new way of fundraising after their previous 'jumble sale room' was targeted by thieves.

Money raised from the sales will go towards the restoration of St John's Church in Kates Hill.

Chairman Deb Brownlee said: "Originally we had a jumble sale room open six days a week at our base next door to St John's."

"However, we identified a number of problems with this, namely it was tying up our volunteer team time and our available space too much and in addition we suffered from some shoplifting and anti-social behaviour problems."

"The last straw was someone stealing our plug-in air freshener. We needed to devise a new way of doing things."

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## THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



**THE** festive specials of *Celebrity Mastermind* (BBC1) were a timely reminder that a) you can be a celebrity without anybody knowing who you are, and b) celebrities can get on *Mastermind* without knowing much about anything.

JIM Naughtie on Today (Radio 4) takes this winter's prize for being the first to warn us of "feezing frog."

**LEAVING** aside any concerns about Whitehall's latest plan to turn women into trench-fighting soldiers, aren't you a wee bit depressed at headlines such as "Female troops on the front line by 2016"? I hope by 2016 we won't have any front lines.

**HIGHLIGHT** of the festive viewing for me was yet another repeat of The Muppet Christmas Carol. When the film was released in 1992 the cast came to Birmingham on a promotional trip and I got to chat in a hotel bedroom with Miss Piggy, Kermit and the Great Gonzo. Best interview ever.

**OUR** changing language. Or to be more accurate, the Yanks' changing language. The US news channel CNN carries an online report about the Nigerian families whose girls were kidnapped by Boko Haram terrorists. It is headlined: "Holidays Without Our Missing Girls." The distraught mother of one girl said: "It is a bad Christmas." The father said: "Every Christmas, we used to be complete and happy." The whole essence of this story was about loss at Christmas. No-one said a word about "holidays." But in the United States the word Christmas is deemed to be non-inclusive and politically incorrect. So they insert the word "holidays" instead, even when the result is gibberish.



FAT, flabby, wheezing, unhealthy. It is hard to move through the sales crowds without concluding that we Brits are a grossly unfit bunch. So when the Defence Secretary Michael Fallon (who has never served a day in uniform) declares: "Our armed forces should reflect the society they serve," he is spouting dangerous nonsense. Our armed forces should be the toughest, strongest, brightest young men and women

we can possibly recruit. We want Her Majesty's finest, not the Queen's Own Lardarses.

**IF**, like me, you are suspicious of anything connecting you, or your money, to the internet, here's something new to worry about. We all know computer webcams can be switched on by a malicious virus without the owner's knowledge. A reader writes of his fears about a new generation of smart televisions with voice-command function. Once you agree to the terms and conditions, the software is installed and you can change your internet-connected TV to a new channel simply by asking for it, via a microphone within the set. My reader asks: "If the microphone is active, what else might be transmitted from one's living room or even bedroom? How long would it take a hacker to override any safeguards, or am I being paranoid?"

**WHY** does God allow innocent shoppers to be mown down and killed by a lorry in Glasgow? Within hours of the tragedy a reader who describes himself as a Christian emailed me: "Many people (non-Christians) find it difficult to accept that God does things His way which is not the way they would like. However, this has to be accepted and not doing so is in itself a sin." So that's all right, then. And if you don't think it's all right, you're a sinner. If you reckon the Islamic State is a tad extreme, you'd be amazed what some Brits believe.

**Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star**

# Vandals daub graffiti on railcars

**VANDALS** targeted the popular Stourbridge Shuttle by daubing graffiti over the railcars.

Operators are counting the cost of getting it fully removed.

Staff discovered a break-in at the Stourbridge Junction depot and found the two vehicles had been scrawled in graffiti.

Some travellers were forced to use replacement taxis as police were called and windscreens cleaned.

The service was soon up and running as normal but not before full repair work was carried out.

The attack is believed to have happened some time between 11.45pm on Christmas Eve and 4.30am on Saturday, December 27.

PreMetro Operations Ltd runs the service in partnership with London Midland. Operations director Steve Jasper said: "At some stage someone has broken into our

depot and did what they did. We are gutted."

Chief Executive Phil Evans added: "To say we are upset and annoyed is an understatement.

"Hopefully, the Police investigation will lead to those responsible being caught and prosecuted."

Anyone with information can call British Transport Police on 0800 405040 or text 61016. Or, call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



Grffiti is scrawled on a railcar

# New Year honours for unsung heroes

**COMMUNITY** stalwarts, charity volunteers, athletes and lawyers are among those to have been honoured in the New Year Honours List.

Unsung heroes from across the Black Country are celebrating after been recognised with the prestigious accolades.

Long-serving volunteers are among those to have been honoured for their work, with Norris Hill, of Coseley, receiving an MBE for his work with the Little Brothers of the Good Shepherd Ministry.

Mr Hill has been involved with the group from the very beginning, and was recognised by the organisation about 15 years ago when he was made a Companion of the Little Brothers of the Good Shepherd, one of only 30 people internationally to receive the honour.

The 78-year-old, who had a heart attack last year and has had to reduce his workload, also volunteers with Active Heart, the cardiac rehabilitation programme.

Mr Hill said he was 'absolutely gobsmacked' by the honour and added: "When I opened a letter from 10 Downing Street to say they had awarded me an MBE for the work I did, I didn't do it for any rewards, it was absolutely out of the blue."

## Framework

Also receiving an OBE is former West Bromwich Albion player Brendon Batson – one of the so-called 'Three Degrees' – for services to football.

Jatinder Kumar Sharma, the principal of Wall-sall College – the first general further education college to receive an Outstanding from Ofsted under the new inspection framework – has been awarded the OBE for services to Further Education.

MBEs have been awarded to Gordon Stuart Guild, aged 76, for his voluntary political service; Oldswinford's Chris Fonteyn, aged 64, for services to the community in Stourbridge, including his work with the RNLI and the National Trust and Alan James Harvey, of Dudley, for political service.

Waqar Ahmed, from Dudley, was also awarded an MBE for his services to challenging extremism and empowering communities in his role as prevent manager at Birmingham City Council.

His work involves tackling extremism across the spectrum, which includes Muslim extremism and right wing extremism.

He is employed by the Home Office to conduct this work.

He said: "I am very humbled to receive this honour which I see as recognition of the collective contribution by all those who work



Norris Hill, of Coseley, awarded an MBE



Jessica Gripton – British Empire Medal



Chris Westwood, aged 66, receives the MBE in the New Year's Honours List

tirelessly every day in trying to make our communities safer in Birmingham and across the West Midlands, often through very difficult and challenging circumstances."

Chris Westwood, 66, has also received an MBE. He set up The Chris Westwood Charity to help children in the Black Country with physical disabilities, after being appalled by the costs racked up by existing charities and the money taken from donations. Since 2003 it has provided more than £250,000 to help underprivileged families purchase mobility equipment.

Jessica Gripton, aged 83, who carried the Olympic torch through West Bromwich in 2012, receives the British Empire Medal for services to sport. Mrs Gripton, secretary at Old Hill Tennis Club after more than 30 years of organising matches, has dedicated her spare hours to encouraging young people to take up the sport and also played a key role in the campaign to rebuild its clubhouse after it burned down in 2000.

The medal has also been awarded to John Harvey Deane, for services to the community in Dudley.

## Armed robbers in raid on station

**MASKED** thieves armed with crowbars and a sledgehammer targeted a Coseley petrol station, stealing cigarettes, alcohol, and cash tills, police have revealed.

They burst into the BP garage in Birmingham New Road before escaping in a green Volkswagen Golf.

The car's registration plates had been covered up in a bid to make it more difficult for police to trace the vehicle.

Police have revealed details of the raid, which took place at 3.40am on December 20 as part of an appeal for witnesses.

## Plastic

PC Chris Dixon said: "The escape vehicle had its registration plates covered up with plastic, so it may be that people noticed this car in the area.

"If you saw anything or knows anything that could help us to catch these offenders please call us."

The station in Coseley is the latest in the Black Country to be hit.

In November a gang armed with axes and sledgehammers targeted the Kings service station on Wolverhampton Road, Sedgley.

Call police on 101, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

## Rail group in extension call

A RAIL group says a line in the Black Country should be extended to give passengers wider travel options.

The Stourbridge Line User Group wants the section of railway accessible from the town's train stations to be extended south of Worcester.

Members are frustrated that people travelling to the south west must get trains from Birmingham.

Group Spokesman Bob Randle said: "Many of our trains only go as far as Worcester. Some should be extended to Cheltenham and Gloucester."

## Bus service saved

A BUS service from Stourbridge to Bridgnorth has been saved after a takeover. Central Buses will run the former Whittles 125 service, which stops at Kidderminster and Bewdley. An extra hourly service between Kidderminster and Stourbridge will also be launched.

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# MP backs campaign for young donors

AN MP is backing call to start up a campaign for more young people to register as bone marrow donors.

Dudley North MP Ian Austin is supporting the Anthony Nolan charity which is offering to pay the Government to package information on registering as a donor with the National Insurance card, which is sent to everyone just before their 16th birthday.

Younger people are most likely to be chosen by doctors to donate bone marrow to someone with blood cancer, but only four per cent of registered donors are currently aged between 16 and 20.

## Revenue

Mr Austin has written to Lin Homer, the chief executive of HM Revenue and Customs, urging her to support the proposals.

He said: "This is a simple step the Government can take to boost the number of young people signed up as life-saving bone marrow donors.

"There's no reason why bureaucracy should get in the way of this plan when charities are willing to cover any extra costs, so I've written to the Government urging them to take part."

# Cemetery to open shortly

COUNCIL bosses say a new £200,000 cemetery in Dudley will be open for funerals by February.

Hundreds of plots are being created off Cleve Road, opposite the current Dudley Cemetery. It aims to tackle the shortage of burial space in the borough and will have enough space to last more than 20 years.

It will include 1,000 adult plots, 140 smaller plots, space for 150 cremations and will be able to cater for all religious needs. Councillors are now in the final stages of a £200,000 landscaping project.

## Police meeting

RESIDENTS can air their views at a police meeting later this month.

A forum for the Stourbridge area will take place at St James Church Hall, Belfry Drive, Wollaston.

The meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, January 28, at 7pm.

# Toy shop to trade on under new owners

THE owner of a long-established Dudley toy store has announced a new buyer has come forward to save the business

Alan Caswell is leaving the Arcade Toy Shop he has run for nearly 40 years to retire in March.

It comes as work to revamp the Fountain Arcade where the shop is based continues. Mr Caswell decided to step down after being concerned the work would cause too much upheaval at his shop.

Many customers who have grown up with the shop were saddened to hear it may be going for good.

But Mr Caswell has revealed that he has a buyer who wants to take over the toy shop.

A family will take the reins in March but Mr Caswell says he will stay around to support them.

**Family**

"A new family is coming in and the toy shop will go forward," said Mr Caswell, who started work at the shop 50 years ago with Saturday shifts.

"I have already got an idea of the view we will have from this shop over Stone Street Square when the original windows are put

back in again in the New Year, it will be fabulous. The windows were bricked up in 1971 by a previous arcade landlord and I can't wait to see them opened up again so we can enjoy that great view over Stone Street Square towards the museum."

The arcade is home to independent traders including a bakers, a butcher, florist, card shop, cafe, jewellery shop, men's outfitters, a sweet shop and ladies hair accessories shop.

Dudley Council's Townscape Heritage has worked with the traders to help renovate the locally listed Art Deco building,

which stretches from Tower Street to the market place and dates from 1925.

Work is being carried out with grant assistance through the Dudley Townscape Heritage Initiative, supported by funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund, Dudley Council, English Heritage and the Housing and Communities Agency.

The project includes repairs to windows and stonework, as well as reinstating lost architectural features, such as opening up the blocked windows, reinstating stone details to the pediment on the gable and installing new shop fronts.

# Disgust as vandals chop down Queen's Jubilee tree

**A TREE planted to honour the Queen during her Diamond Jubilee was chopped down by vandals on Christmas Day – the day Her Majesty addressed the nation with a message about the importance of reconciliation.**

The chairman of a voluntary group dedicated to preserving the park in Dudley where the beech tree stood has spoken of his disgust. Geoff Johnson, chairman of the Friends of Netherton Park, said he believed youths had cut down the tree, worth around £250, on Christmas Day and then dumped the branches in a park bin.

## Search for fall victim at Wrens Nest

A MAN faced a prolonged rescue after he fell down an embankment a popular Dudley beauty spot.

Specialist rescue teams and firefighters spent two hours trying to locate the man in Wrens Nest Nature Reserve after the fall.

Emergency services were called to the reserve at around 2.15pm on Sunday to help the man who was complaining of pelvic pain.

An ambulance together with a paramedic officer and the Hazardous Area Response Team (HART) from West Midlands Ambulance Service attended.

Spokesman Steve Parry said: "A man in his 20s was located and treated for pelvic pain.

"The patient was assessed at the scene before being brought to safety after a two hour search to locate him.

"The HART team worked with ambulance and emergency service colleagues to bring the man to safety."

Crews from Dudley fire station also helped in the rescue bid.

The man was taken to Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital for further treatment.

He added the Jubilee tree had been planted in 2012 along with an Olympic tree to commemorate the London Games. Both have been targeted by vandals in the past.

Yobs have ripped off plaques from both trees. The plaques bore the words 'planted by the Friends of Netherton Park to commemorate' with either 'the Olympic Games of 2012' or 'the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty' to complete the inscription.

The latest incident was discovered by a friend of Mr Johnson's wife, who reported finding the Jubilee beech dumped in the bin.

Mr Johnson could not say whether the tree and plaques would be replaced as the Friends charity was concerned about the possibility there would be a repeat of the attacks.

## Let's face it, it's time to restore clock



Martin Fisher with the clock which used to be at Cradley Heath Bus Station and is being restored

IT stood at the heart of a busy transport interchange for decades and was seen by hundreds of commuters daily.

Now the Cradley Heath clock is to be restored and preserved by volunteers at a museum in the Black Country.

The four-faced clock is more than 16 ft tall but has had to move to make way for the £1.9 million overhaul of the bus station.

Aston Manor Road Transport Museum in Aldridge was approached by

Centro as to whether they would like to take instrument which dates back to the 1980s.

Keen volunteers will now set about repairing one of the damaged clock faces and look to put it up outside their base in Shenstone Drive or modify it for inside.

Chairman Martin Fisher said: "They didn't want it to be just chucked away and so it was offered to us and we accepted.

"There are lots of people that have

seen that, in the context of catching the bus and seeing that clock.

"It is the whole essence of the transport museum, it is not just the vehicles. It is all the things associated with these vehicles."

Walsall councillor Richard Worrall, a member of Centro, approached the museum to see if they wanted to take the clock.

He said: "I was asked if I knew anyone, and I thought that is a great place to relocate it."

## Officers support housing scheme

PLANS for homes on the site of a former social club have been recommended for approval.

Sixteen homes are proposed for the site of the Woodside Liberal Club, on Stourbridge Road, if planning permission is granted by Dudley Council.

Officers have supported the scheme, saying it is a suitable development for the site. A decision will be made by councillors at Dudley Council's planning committee on Monday.

Netherton councillor Will Duckworth said he would be pleased to see the site redeveloped.

## DIY store was closed 'for repairs'

A DIY store which closed without warning for four days has reopened.

B&Q said its Halesowen store was closed for safety reasons while maintenance work was carried out. There has been claims gas could be smelled near the site.

B&Q said its Mucklow Hill site had been closed while 'upgrades and repair work' were carried out. National Grid confirmed it had been called to the premises but no evidence of a gas leak was found.

## Muslims march in celebration

MORE than 1,000 people joined a parade through the streets of Dudley as Muslims came together to celebrate the birth of the prophet Muhammad.

They met at Dudley Central Mosque for the event on Sunday lunchtime as flag and banner waving families and friends set off from the mosque, on Castle Hill, before returning to the mosque for the Milad-un-Nabi celebrations.

## Homes will be built on former care site

TWENTY two homes will be built on the site of a former care home in Stourbridge.

Eight houses and 14 apartments for adults with learning disabilities will be built on the site of Amblesote House.

Bromford Developments Limited has been granted permission for the scheme by Dudley Council.

## Playgroup praise

A PLAYGROUP that meets at a Dudley church has been praised following an Ofsted inspection.

Standards at Kingswinford Methodist Church, in Stream Road, were rated as outstanding.

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## IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews

KEANE flips! So screamed the headline of one national tabloid after it emerged that the fiery former Republic of Ireland star had sought a confrontation with Villa on-loan midfielder Tom Cleverley at his home.

Apparently, Keano – to those not familiar with The Beautiful Game, he is the one with the beard like Saddam Hussein while he was on the run – thought Cleverley was behind newspaper stories about training-ground bust-ups during his short-lived spell as Villa's assistant manager.

So how did Keane flip exactly? Did he:

(a) Grab Cleverley in a headlock, lift him over his shoulder, and then slam dunk him on top of his water feature?

(b) Confront him in his kitchen, slap him about a bit with a fresh kipper, before continuing the fight outside, culminating in a spot of grappling in the swimming pool?

(c) Ring his doorbell 'very aggressively' and wait outside, before deciding Cleverley was not at home and driving off.

The answer, by the way is (c). Not exactly Keith Moon, is he?

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A judge has granted an injunction to stop boy racers wreaking mayhem on the streets of the Black Country and surrounding areas, saying there appeared to be 'complete lawlessness' around the problem. The move follows a similar injunction which was granted in 2012.

It is hardly a new problem. I remember it first rearing its head around 15 years ago, when hundreds, if not thousands, of the blighters used to meet up around the Merry Hill centre and neighbouring industrial estates every Thursday nights.

During the research for one story about this, I even had to buy a copy of a boy racer magazine which had allegedly been encouraging these meets.

Boy, that took some front. I sat for around five minutes outside the newsagents in my totally conventional and unmodified car, trying to work out a strategy for buying this dubious publication without feeling too embarrassed. I dunno, maybe buying a few 'adult' magazines to hide it in or something.

Anyway, the magazine did cast a rather fascinating light into this bizarre sub-culture. For example, it came with a free CD featuring timeless tracks such as 'Big Up Your Spill' or 'Time To Get Ill'. Like you hear in the background at all the best dinner parties.

Strangest of all was the fact that many of the people who attended these meetings were not from the vicinity at all.

Some of them would diligently drive their garish-looking vehicles all the way from places like Brighton or Leeds just to experience the delights of a Thursday night at a KFC car park in Brierley Hill.



Sarah Redding with Pierre, a hissing cockroach



Gemma Warboys with Ronnie the tapir at the zoo



Monkey business – baboons are counted up at the zoo

# Zoo tapir tally and cockroach count

Like the Biblical Noah's Ark the animals of Dudley Zoo are all counted in for the attraction's annual census

**"HAS everyone got a calculator and clipboard? Then let the counting begin."**

Those were the final instructions issued to the keepers at Dudley Zoo who have been preparing for a week like no other.

Workers are being kept busy, carrying out the mammoth task of counting each of the animals as part of the annual census.

There are more than 1,800 creatures at the 40-acre site and now every invertebrate, bird, mammal, amphibian and reptile is being totted up. From the most minuscule ants to the tallest giraffe – it will all be documented.

The zoo is obliged to keep an official tally of its animals every 12 months as part of its licensing requirements, with the census taking five days to complete.

Rather than it being the case of hoping the all the animals keep still long enough to be counted, the task is thankfully made a little easier for most of the zookeepers.

## Microchipped

Many of the animals, including Madagascan lemurs and a red-necked wallaby, are microchipped, like domestic cats and dogs, and can be individually scanned with a hand held scanner. Others, like the reindeer and Barbary sheep have ear tags while birds have flipper bands or coloured foot rings which contain individual codes, making them fairly easy to count up.

Bigger animals such as the Sumatran tigers and giraffes are easily identifiable by their unique patterns and coats and can be totted up in a matter of minutes – a change in number of such large animals



One of the zoo's workers getting a head count on the sites flock of flamingoes

is not something that would go unnoticed.

Those responsible for larger animals have it easier than their colleagues in charge of insects, spiders and other tiny critters.

The stick insect's party trick of blending into its surroundings isn't appreciated by the keepers at this time of the year.

There were around 120 stick insects at the attraction at the last count, though separating the wood from the trees can be tricky. They can also breed continually, meaning the total can fluctuate from one day to the next.

The zoo's chief executive Peter Suddock said: "It always poses a few problems when it comes to stick insects as not only do they move around as staff are attempting to count them, but they

also have a camouflage habit of clinging to keepers' clothing usually just out of reach on backs and shoulders."

Penguins can be tricky too, he added. "Dudley Zoo is home to the UK's largest colony of parent-reared Humboldt penguins and with 66 constantly moving birds sharing the pool and beach, the annual headcount can take time."

Dudley Zoo's numbers have been boosted by a host of new arrivals that are being counted for the first time.

They include 11-month-old male Rothschild's giraffe Kito and eight-month-old Carpathian lynx triplets Dick, Dom and Daphne. Malaku the snow leopard was born in April to the delight of zoo staff.

Mum and dad Nanga and Margaash's first cub had died suddenly less than 12 months earlier. Gelada baboons Billie

and Ambo also swung into the zoo, while Boo the chinchilla was another new arrival. But while the many births were greeted with much cheer, there was also sadness with the deaths of two of the zoo's heavyweights.

## Favourite

Census veteran Orry the Patagonian sealion, a favourite with visitors, passed away in July at the age of 22.

The zoo also lost male Asiatic lion Mwamba, only a year after being brought in from Devon.

All zoos and wildlife parks in Britain are required to carry out the yearly census. The data is used for zoo management and international breeding programmes for endangered animals.

It also provides a back up for the site's Zoological Information Management.

## WEEK IN POLITICS

with Daniel Wainwright

THEY'RE coming to a street near you. It's election year and pretty soon MPs, candidates, activists and hangers-on are going to canvas you.

It sounds a bit sinister, like some form of guerilla art. But for some reason it just seems like the right thing for any aspiring politician to do – to connect with the electorate.

It all seems a bit unfair to me because they'll descend with no prior notice or appointment and might well interrupt dinner or at a crucial moment in the Breaking Bad box set.

Even so, if they do come along, use this chance to grill them because it's been half a decade since we had a General Election and it's about time they were properly put on the spot by the people they serve.

I'm looking forward to May because after that we'll hopefully have a Government that's actually getting on with the business of governing, rather than just going through the motions for the next few months while parties try to curry favour with an ever-more-weary electorate.

Parliament has run out of things to do. This is because of a little thing known as the Fixed Term Parliament Act, which effectively sets the date for a General Election at exactly five years since the last one.

In order to create a 'strong and stable' coalition with the Liberal Democrats, David Cameron dispensed with the Prime Minister's right to decide when the time was right to go to the country.

But the Tories and Lib Dems have exhausted the things they can agree on and are now trying to distance themselves from each other.

The Lib Dems are effectively finished around these parts. In the May 2014 council elections the party found candidates to stand in a mere 27 per cent of wards.

Even in Cannock Chase, where the party was the largest group four years before, they found just six candidates for 13 seats.

David Cameron likes to refer to this as the most important election in a generation. He may have a point.

What we're dealing with here is a re-hash of 2010 when the country delivered a hung Parliament. Back then it was compared with the election of 1974. But with the uncertainty that created, Harold Wilson went back to the country again before the year was out and was rewarded with a majority of three. The Fixed Term Parliament Act stops that.

We get one shot at saying who we want as our MP for the next half a decade. Before that, it's up to them to bombard us with leaflets, promises and scare tactics. But that moment in the polling station is all you have until May 2020 unless MPs vote to dissolve Parliament. That's why this election is so important.

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# Nature is raw-fanged and red-toothed

I have long believed Peter Rhodes to be somebody pos-turing as being attuned to ru-ral life, labelling his cottage, or whatever it maybe, as 'Chateau Rhodes'.

He makes comment in a recent col-umn that David Cameron wants to make foxhunting with hounds legal again and opines that it would be po-litical suicide.

I have no idea of the political lean-ings of ordinary folk or landowners in

rural areas, no more than Rhodes prob-ably does. But I think the majority are pretty well in accord in trying to get the present foxhunting ban repealed.

Regardless as to whether he is a farm labourer or a farmer, the loss of a chicken in the back garden or the slaughter of lambs in a field by a fox has an impact. The fox is vermin, not a lovable rogue as people like Rhodes would possibly have you believe. A fox will randomly kill not only for food but for the enjoyment of slaughter.

Whatever Rhodes might believe in his sanitised world of state-of-the-art

wood burning stove, most of those who work the land would concur that hunting with hounds is a far more effi-cient way of keeping the fox population down than shooting them.

Do-gooders should get real, wildlife is raw-fanged and red-toothed. Let those who manage our wildlife and countryside adopt the best meth-ods of controlling wildlife that is less than eco-friendly.

And Rhodes, chuck your green wel-lies in the bin.

**J B WALDRON  
DUDLEY**

## Petition in bid to open rail route

WOULD your readers like to support those of us who have been asking for the full length of the Black Country Rail Line to be re-opened over very many years? My petition is at: <http://e-peti-tions.direct.gov.uk/peti-tions/73031>

The line connects with the national rail network at Stourbridge Junction and Walsall and goes near to Merry Hill, the Waterfront, Dudley Zoo and Castle, the Black Country Museum and Dudley Canal Trust.

Birmingham has had so much spent on it and is still getting further tram exten-sions to replace the buses and to link with HS2.

We, in the Black Coun-try, should now be asking for our 13 miles of national train line to be re-opened to boost business, leisure and to bring people in from all over the UK to our four Black Country boroughs.

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## Touching memory of a choral tribute

OF the hundreds of concerts I have been part of, as a chor-ister with the Gentlemen Songsters for almost 40 years, there are two which stand out most in my memory.

One was singing in the presence of Her Majesty The Queen for the opening of the NIA Centre, Birmingham, and the other was during a visit to the war graves at Nor-mandy and Arnhem. The choir's oldest singing member is 90-years-old second tenor Albert Evans. Albert was only 18 years when he served in the Army and became friends with a fellow soldier who was a few years older. Albert looked up to him and they became mates. Sadly Albert saw his friend be killed at Arnhem.

With the help of then choir chairman Tony Partridge they found Albert's friend's grave. Albert wasn't alone shedding his tears standing at the foot of the grave salut-ing his comrade. He had the choir sharing his grief. Before leaving that day the choir sang Morte Christe. I then heard a voice call out loud and clear: 'thank you gentlemen'. Could it, I wonder, have been the voice of God?

**J GRAINGER  
STOURBRIDGE**

## Dark nights and dim road users

I will be glad when the days draw out and we get light nights again. I am fed up with seeing cars with defective lights and people walk-ing about in dark clothing.

I was driving along Pri-ory Road in the direction of Wolverhampton. Just as I breasted the rise by the new estate, a car coming towards me pulled onto the bay near to the shops on my left. This person had his headlights on full beam, which dazzled me as a car driving on its correct side came the other way with only a nearside headlight on. This gave the possible impression of a motorcycle. Two offences in one incident, parking on the wrong side of the road and defective headlights.

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# X Factor star is to lead choirs at huge concert



Children from Cradley Heath and Lichfield are seen at a previous Young Voices choral concert at Birmingham

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The star will perform with a choir made up of 7,000 children from schools across the Black Country and Birmingham as part of a national tour, with a total of 120,000 youngsters joining in across the country.

Miss Spraggan, who appeared on the 2012 series of the show after blowing

the judges away with her 'folk-hop' song *Beer Fear*, said: "It is nothing like anything I've done before. I have wanted to get involved with something like this for a while, ever since I performed with another choir at a show at the Albert Hall."

The annual event began 17 years ago and former acts taking part include Alexandra Burke and Stacey Solomon.

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Lucy Spraggan on The X Factor

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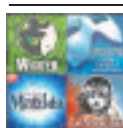
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Their marriage may have come during Britain's darkest days, but the two could not have been happier.

Seventy years on, they remain as strong as ever as they celebrate their platinum anniversary.

"It was love at first sight," said Mrs Clayton, aged 88. It was the friendship of their parents that brought Harry and Sarah together.

Mr Clayton, who is 89, grew up in Pedmore Road, Woodside, Dudley, and went to the Holly Hall School. Mrs Clayton was originally from Ilkeston, Derbyshire.

They married in the town before setting up home in the Black Country, spending more than six decades in Dudley Wood.

Mrs Clayton said: "It's a time and a half. It's been a long and happy marriage."

They have two daughters, Ethel and Jeanette.

## Manager of adult club told to go elsewhere

A LEADING councillor has told an adult club boss to take his plans elsewhere after his attempt to open a venue catering for erotic and fetish enthusiasts was halted.

Plans to create the Valhalla club in Dudley were blocked by councillors to the dismay of prospective owners who had invested £25,000 in the premises.

Prospective manager, Clive Thomson, has vowed to pursue his plans and appeal Dudley Council's planning committee's decision.

The club's website describes the proposal as an alternative lifestyle members club and photo shoot suite.

It adds it is the Midlands centre for all fetishists 'where the unusual is the norm in a safe and friendly environment'.

Bosses insist it would not be a swingers club and there would be no sexual acts at the site off Dock Lane, opposite Dudley Leisure Centre.

Mr Thomson said he was angry at the council's decision and feels the club has been misrepresented.

"The proposals here are for an alternative lifestyle, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender club," he said. "I take this decision as an

By Rob Cox

affront on the lesbian and gay communities.

"This is not a lap dancing club or a private members gentlemen's club. There won't be any poles. It is a normal bar like any other pub."

Dudley Council received a petition signed by 66 people raising concerns about the proposal being close to the leisure centre, religious buildings and a primary school.

Planning committee chairman, Councillor Qadar Zada, said: "From a planning perspective it was rejected because of the impact on residential amenity."

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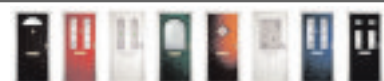
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## THE WAY I SEE IT

**Dudley South Conservative MP Chris Kelly takes the stand in our weekly Chronicle column which gives our local representatives the chance to air their views**



*'Parliament is very much a public place and, on most days of the year, is open to visitors'*

I HOPE that all readers had an enjoyable festive season. I really enjoyed having the opportunity to spend some quality time with my own family, who I miss when I'm down in London for work.

Over the last four-and-a-half years I've met in Parliament with numerous local schools, for talks about democracy and life as a Member of Parliament, and local constituents, for personal tours of the magnificent buildings that are the United Kingdom Parliament.

I want to take this opportunity to remind all readers that Parliament is very much a public place and, on most days of the year, is open to visitors whether the House of Commons or House of Lords are sitting ('in session') or not.

### Observing

There are different things to see and do when either of the chambers is in session, such as observing proceedings from either or both public galleries, or when either House is not sitting, it is often possible to see inside either chamber itself.

The Parliament website - [www.parliament.uk](http://www.parliament.uk) - is one of the best of any British institution.

I would encourage all schools in the borough and any interested constituents to look at the relevant pages about visiting: [www.parliament.uk/education](http://www.parliament.uk/education) and [www.parliament.uk/visiting](http://www.parliament.uk/visiting).

For schools there is also an opportunity to apply for subsidised transportation (such as coach hire).

It is a long day to come down and back but well worth it, especially if you've never visited before.

One of my proudest achievements during my term of office was to complete the London marathon in a little over four hours and 15 minutes to raise several thousand pounds for Dudley charities.

I would like to take the opportunity of this, one of my final Dudley Chronicle columns, to highlight some of the fantastic charities and voluntary organisations that we are blessed with in our borough.

On [dudleysouth.com/links](http://dudleysouth.com/links) I have linked to several dozen such organisations but, to highlight just a

few, I would single out our local NHS charity - [dudleygroup.nhs.uk/our-charity](http://dudleygroup.nhs.uk/our-charity) - and another based at Russells Hall Hospital, The Georgina Unit (Leukemia Appeal Fund) - [thegeorginaunit.co.uk](http://thegeorginaunit.co.uk).

It is difficult to select just a few to publicise here but the Dudley Centre for Voluntary Service is a fantastic one-stop-shop for existing charities and voluntary organisations and also for anyone looking to set-up and constitute a new voluntary or charitable organisation - if so, then [dudleycvs.org.uk](http://dudleycvs.org.uk) is the place to go.

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Finally, as we are now in what is known as the 'long campaign' for the General Election on Thursday May 7, those readers in Dudley South will be hearing a lot more from my successor as the Conservative Prospective Parliamentary Candidate, Councillor Mike Wood.

I wish Mike well as he campaigns to keep Dudley South Conservative.

### Exciting

One thing is for sure. This will be the most important and - dare I say it - exciting General Elections in decades.

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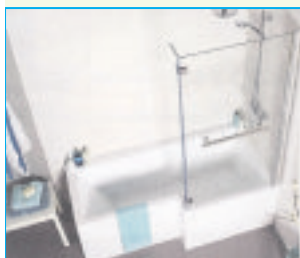
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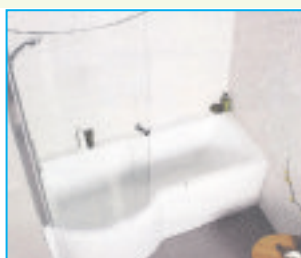
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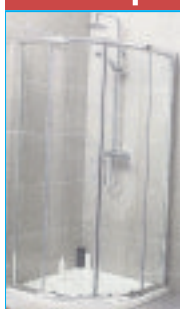
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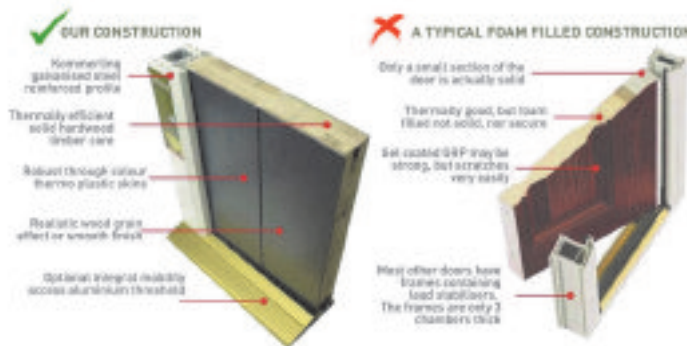
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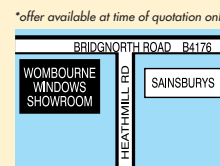
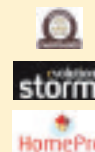
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# Lavish donation to the tune of £250 for busker

**BUSKER** Bradleigh Aston is used to shoppers giving him their spare change – but he was left speechless by a donation to the tune of £250.

The 18-year-old was singing in Dudley High Street when he was handed the generous gift by a passer-by.

The musician, who spends his weekends busking in the town centre, says he was taken back by the woman's generosity.

Her identity is not known and despite him putting appeals on Facebook and Twitter in a bid to thank her he has been unable to track her down.

Bradleigh, from Lower Gornal, received the cash after appearing in The Chronicle – and the front page of its sister publication The Express & Star in December.

He said: "Since appearing on the front page of the paper I have had a lot of people around Dudley recognising me.

## Shocked

"People have been walking past me saying 'Happy Christmas Brad, have a good one.' or 'You are that busker from the paper.' it has been a bit mad.

"The day after I was on the front page I was busking and a woman came up to me and asked for my business card which I gave to her and she walked away.

"A little while later she came back and put a plastic tub into the compartment of my case and said: 'Look after that and have a great Christmas.' and walked away again.

"When I opened the tub up, there was £250 cash in it, I was so shocked I did not know what to say.

"I have tried so hard to get hold of her to say thank you, but I am yet to hear from her.

"I would love to be able to thank her



Bradleigh Aston, aged 18, who spends his time busking in Dudley High Street

properly. I have not spent the money yet but I am thinking of spending it on recording equipment," he said.

Bradleigh came 13th in the nationwide Brand New Artist 2015 Awards competition, which was run by music label Negart Records.

He said: "It was brilliant to come within the top 15, it was out of 100 artists so I cannot complain.

"The top five get to take part in a televised festival and the top 15 get to

be part of a compilation album next year.

"I worked so hard during the competition to push myself, I had posters around Dudley and posted on my social media sites, the support from the community has been great.

"Because of working so hard, the competition sent me an email asking me to taking part in both, I am so thrilled to be given this opportunity," he said.

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# Jail for eight cousins in car parts export racket

**EIGHT** men from the Black Country – including two from Dudley – are behind bars after cars across the Midlands were stolen to order, dismantled and the parts shipped to the Middle East.

The gang, all cousins, was sentenced for a conspiracy to steal 4x4 Toyota and Vauxhalls, which they would scour the streets of the Midlands for on demand.

The men appeared at Worcester Crown Court after pleading guilty to conspiring to steal motor vehicles and were jailed for a total of 28 years and nine months.

The court heard there were 81 thefts and attempted thefts throughout Staffordshire, West Midlands, Warwickshire, West Mercia, Derbyshire and Leicestershire between March 2012 and April 2013.

## Targeted

Predominantly Toyota Hilux, Toyota Hiace, Toyota Landcruiser and Vauxhall Brava vehicles were targeted.

They were taken from properties across Warwickshire in Rugby, Tamworth, Atherstone and Kineton, as well as throughout West Mercia in Bromsgrove, Worcester, Kidderminster, Market Drayton, Bridgnorth and Telford.

The stolen vehicles were dismantled with the engines and gear boxes being exported to the United Arab Emirates, while the remainder of the chassis and shells were weighed in at scrap yards.

The gang had found out that the parts, in particular those from Toyota 2L engines, were in high demand in the Middle East so they set up a rapidly-expanding operation.

A ninth man Yawar Jaffari, 42, from London, had links to the United Arab



Rocky Butler, aged 35, from Dudley



Richard Edwards, of Brierley Hill

warning that vehicle crime will not be tolerated.

Leslie Taylor, 33, of Rosewood Court, Bilston, was jailed for four years; Butler, 35, got five years and four months; James Bailey, 36, of Edison Road, Walsall was sentenced to five years and four months; Richard Edwards, 29, of Chapel Street, Brierley Hill to two years; James Taylor, 26, of Harden Close, Walsall was jailed for two years and eight months; Terence Gould, 46, of Botany Road, Walsall, for two years; Colin Brookes, 30, of Hunter Crescent, Walsall was sentenced to two years and Paul Kendall, 42, of Irvine Road, Walsall to a year and four months.

Luke Moore, 26, of Leys Crescent, Brierley Hill and Gary Winter, 31, of Goscoe Place, Walsall, were previously convicted and sentenced. Moore received a suspended sentence and Winter was jailed for 16 weeks. Jaffari, 42, of Carlton Road, London, got three years and nine months.

The vehicles were taken to the Cannock Wood Industrial Estate in Cannock Wood Street, where the men worked from three units.

They started out at a site in Torton Paddock, Kidderminster, owned by Rocky Butler, of Fullwood Crescent, Dudley, but needed to move to bigger premises as demand rocketed.

All eight men had grown up together in Blakenall, Walsall. Once they got involved with Jaffari, they began stealing the cars and within weeks had a regular export line running.

Police said many traders had been hit when their work vehicles were stolen.

Detective Constable Karl High, of West Mercia Police, said: "This was a lengthy investigation.

"This sentencing should serve as a

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## Thousands turn out for traditional hunt



Crowds gather as participants set out on the Boxing Day Albrighton and Woodland hunt at Hagley Hall

MORE than a thousand people turned out for the annual  
Boxing Day Albrighton and Woodland Hunt in Dudley.

More than 60 riders took part in the 350-acre grounds of  
Hagley Park, near Stourbridge.

Hunt secretary Julian Hill said: "We usually hunt two to  
three times a week but the Boxing Day hunt is very special  
and it is always successful. We have lots of people come

along to stretch their legs and shake off Christmas." The  
Albrighton and Woodland Hunt covers parts of Worcester-  
shire, Staffordshire, Shropshire and the West Midlands  
bordering Stourbridge, Dudley and Halesowen.

Despite a ban on fox hunting 10 years ago, hunts con-  
tinue using 'trails', where hounds follow the scent of foxes  
without any foxes being harmed.

## Tributes to police sergeant

**A TOP Black Country  
police officer has died  
after battling cancer for  
nearly a year.**

Steve Knight, aged 54, who  
grew up in Dudley, was a ser-  
geant based at Wolverham-  
pton's Bilston Street police  
station and had served with  
West Midlands Police for 23  
years, originally as a Pc in his

home town. He joined the force  
after spells as an engineer and  
salesman.

He leaves two adult children  
Kayleigh and Chris, as well as  
stepsons Jordan and Connor.

The Wolves fan, a regular at  
Molineux, was diagnosed with  
cancer in January last year.

He married his second wife  
Jackie in March 2013 but they  
had been in a relationship for

eight years. Paying tribute to  
her late husband, Mrs Knight,  
47, said: "He was a loving fam-  
ily man and did everything for  
his family."

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# Campaigners celebrate as historic building saved

CAMPAIGNERS have won a 10-year battle to save a Victorian school building from the threat of bulldozers.

The old Mount Pleasant School in Coseley had housed the Dudley borough archives but has been empty since the service moved into premises next to the Black Country Living Museum in Dudley.

Campaign group Friends of Mount Pleasant – which includes several former pupils – feared the move would lead to the building’s demolition. But Dudley Council has confirmed proposals are in place to convert the site into council homes.

Brian Guest, Head Boy at the school during the 1950s, said: “The

school played a vital role in the education of countless people in the area since it was built in 1879.

“We are really over the moon the council has decided to put the building to good use.”

Mount Pleasant School was open for more than a century before being taken over by the archives in 1992.

The Friends group believes it is one of the last buildings owned by Coseley Urban District Council which was abolished in 1966.

It will now be included in the council’s £40 million scheme to build around 350 council homes during the next five years. The building will be retained and converted into 15 properties.



Brian Guest and Beatrice Boyling celebrate saving the former Mount Pleasant School building

# Education hub at old school backed

A £1.2 million project to create an education and training centre on the site of a former school in Dudley has been backed following a public consultation.

Dudley Council wants set up a learning base to provide education for over-16s with learning disabilities at the old Pensnett High School.

A £1m grant has been secured towards the project, which includes demolishing former buildings on the site including the main school building that fronts Tiled House Lane and the linked science block.

The new centre which will be created by refurbishing one of the remaining buildings and will be run by Pens Meadow Special School.

Cabinet member for children’s services Councillor Tim Crumpton said: “The consultation around the proposals for a state-of-the-art education hub at the former Pensnett School site has now closed and received extremely positive feedback.”

# Stray dogs problem costs £60k for council

DUDLEY Council spends more than £60,000 a year on dealing with stray dogs in the borough, new figures have revealed.

During the course of the last financial year, the authority spent a total of £60,500 – which equates to around £165 a day – on lost and abandoned animals. Hundreds of stray dogs were picked up on the borough’s streets in the past year – with around half returned to their owners.

Councillor Hilary Bills, cabinet member for environment and culture, said: “In 2013/14, 522 stray dogs were collected from streets in the borough and we returned 242 of these to their owners.

“Since April this year through to the end of November we had collected 265 stray dogs and returned 145 to their homes.”

## Reclaimed

She added: “We invest around £10,000 each year on a kennels contract, and we work closely with them to re-home dogs when they are not reclaimed by their owners.

“To help us increase the likelihood of dogs being returned to their owners the council encourages people to identify their dog with a suitable tag bearing their name and address as well as having the dog micro-chipped,” she said.

Stray dogs found are taken outside of the borough to City Dogs Home in Bucknall, near Stoke-on-Trent, which can charge up to £60 to £70 for a week’s stay.

Recently, it was revealed that Sandwell Council spends more than £300 a day to send their dogs to the same kennels, paying out

By Charlie Benton

nearly £105,000 to Serco to pick up the dogs and take them to the rescue centre.

Half of the dogs, however, are claimed by their owners, who pay a £25 fee to the council and a £10 a day charge to the kennels for veterinary and kennelling costs.

If the dog is not claimed within seven days it is put up for rehoming.

Dudley Council has set aside a total of £61,700 in its 2015/16 budget to deal with stray animals.

It said it will not take responsibility for pets belonging to people taken into hospital or care, or those of prisoners or evicted tenants. It also has no responsibility to rehome unwanted dogs.

The Dogs Trust said 18,798 abandoned and stray dogs were picked up across the Midlands in the last financial year.

Denise Broadman, from the Dog Rescue Federation, said the problem lies not with the councils but with the issue of dog breeding across the UK.

She said: “We need to see legislation which stops the breeding of dogs where there is no demand for them.”

# Youngsters urged to get ready for sport

FREE sports sessions are on offer for young people in Tip-ton thanks to a new scheme being launched this month.

Ready for Sport will provide weekly activities including basketball, football and dance training for young people at Jubilee Youth Centre, Powis Avenue.

As part of the scheme young people will be asked which sports they want to take up and which days of the week they want to do them. For 30 youngsters there will be the chance to complete leadership qualifications.

The Ready for Sport initiative encourages young people to get involved in sporting activities. Funding has been made available through the Sandwell Community Alcohol Project which won a Sport England Grant and will be working in partnership with CentreSpot.

Councillor Paul Moore, cabinet member for health, said: “Young people can have a say in the sport they want to do and when in the week it best suits them.”

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Advanced:	Thurs 15 Jan.	19.00-21.00.	10 wks.	£65.00#

#### ITALIAN: BEGINNERS

	Mon 12 Jan.	12.00-14.00.	3 wks.	£27.00#
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#### ARABIC

	Mon 19 Jan.	17.00-18.30.	9 wks.	£47.25#
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### ARTS AND CRAFTS

#### PAINTING AND DRAWING

	Tues 13 Jan.	19.00-21.00.	10 wks.	£65.00#
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	Mon 12 Jan.	19.00-21.00.	5 wks.	£35.00#
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#### FACE PAINTING AND GLITTER TATTOOS

Beginners:	Thurs 15 Jan.	19.00-21.00	6 wks	£41.00# (£13.75)
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### HANDICRAFTS

#### UPHOLSTERY

	Mon 12 Jan.	19.00-21.00.	10 wks.	£68.00#
	Tues 13 Jan.	12.00-14.00.	10 wks.	£68.00#
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#### PATCHWORK - Improvers

	Mon 12 Jan.	19.00-21.00	10 wks.	£68.00#
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#### PATCHWORK - Beginners

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#### SEWING MADE SIMPLE

	Thurs 15 Jan.	18.00-20.00.	10 wks.	£65.00#
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Beginners	Tues 3 Feb.	09.30-11.30.	3 wks.	£27.00#
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#### HOW TO USE AN OVERLOCKER

	Tues 13 Jan.	09.30-11.30.	3 wks.	£27.00#
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#### RAG RUG MAKING

	Tues 13 Jan.	09.30-11.30.	3 wks.	£27.00#
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### DANCE

#### CHANCE TO DANCE FIT—TASTER

	Tues 13 Jan.	19.00-20.30	1 wk.	FREE
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#### CHANCE TO DANCE FIT

	Tues 20 Jan.	19.00-20.00	9 wks.	£31.50#
	Tues 20 Jan.	20.00-21.00	9 wks.	£31.50#

#### BALLROOM & LATIN AMERICAN DANCING

Beginners	Mon 12 Jan.	18.45-19.45	10 wks.	£36.60
Improvers	Mon 12 Jan.	19.45-21.00	10 wks.	£54.90

### HEALTH AND FITNESS

#### PILATES

Beginners:	Thurs 15 Jan.	18.00-19.00.	10 wks.	£35.00#
Beg. @ Oakfield:	Fri 16 Jan.	10.00-11.00.	10 wks.	£37.80#
Improvers:	Tues 13 Jan.	19.00-20.00.	9 wks.	£31.50
Improvers:	Wed 14 Jan.	18.30-19.30.	10 wks.	£35.00
Improvers:	Thurs 15 Jan.	19.05-20.05	10 wks.	£35.00
Improvers:	Thurs 15 Jan.	20.10-21.10.	10 wks.	£35.00

#### FITNESS YOGA

	Tues 13 Jan.	20.05-21.05.	9 wks.	£31.50
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#### ADULT SWIMMING LESSONS:

Beginners:	Mon. 12 Jan.	19.00-19.45.	10 wks.	£31.50#
Improvers:	Mon. 12 Jan.	19.45-20.30.	10 wks.	£31.50#
Inter/Adv	Mon. 12 Jan.	20.30-21.15.	10 wks.	£31.50#

### QUALIFICATIONS

#### DUDLEY INDUCTION TRAINING FOR POOLSIDE ASSISTANTS

	Fri 27 Mar.	09.00-12.00	3 hrs.	£19.20
	Mon 15 Jun.	09.00-12.00	3 hrs.	£19.20

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#### PAEDIATRIC FIRST AID

	Fri 6 Feb.	09.00-13.00	1/2 day.	£25.60
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### FIT FOR '15 TASTERS

#### FITNESS YOGA TASTER

	Tues 6 Jan.	19.00-20.30.	1 wk.	FREE
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#### PILATES TASTER

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	Wed 14 Jan.	19.45-20.15.	1 wk.	FREE
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### MUSIC

#### PLAY THE GUITAR

Intermediates:	Mon. 12 Jan.	19.00-21.00	10 wks.	£65.00#
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Beginners (2):	Thurs. 15 Jan.	20.00-21.00	10 wks.	£37.80#

#### PLAY THE GUITAR FOR CHILDREN (8YRS+)

Beginners (1)	Mon 12 Jan.	16.45-17.45	5 wks.	£45.75
Beginners (2)	Mon 12 Jan.	17.45-18.45	5 wks.	£45.75
Improvers	Thurs 15 Jan.	17.45-18.45	10 wks.	£50.00

### BASIC COMPUTER COURSES

#### COMPUTING : THE BASICS

	Tues 27 Jan.	14.30-16.30	3wks.	£27.00#
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#### COMPUTING SKILLS: INTERNET+ E MAIL

	Tues 24 Feb.	14.30-16.30	3 wks.	£27.00#
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(Basic computer and internet skills are required)

#### GETTING THE MOST FROM YOUR ANDROID SMARTPHONE:

	Mon 23 Feb.	12.00-14.00	5 wks.	£45.00#
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#### PHOTOSHOP - AN INTRODUCTION (1)

	Mon 12 Jan.	09.30-11.30.	6 wks.	£54.00#
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	Mon 19 Jan.	19.00-21.00.	4 wks.	£36.00#
	Wed 21 Jan.	09.30-11.30.	4 wks.	£36.00#

#### AN APPLE A DAY KEEPS THE FEAR AWAY

	Learn to master your Apple I-Pad	Tues 27 Jan.	09.30-11.30.	6 wks.	£54.00#
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#### CONTINUING FAMILY HISTORY

	Mon 12th Jan.	14.30-16.30	5 wks.	£45.00#
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#### AN INTRODUCTION TO FAMILY HISTORY

	Mon 23 Feb.	14.30-16.30	5 wks.	£45.00#
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**Reduced Fees:** Where you see this # sign the course is supported by The Skills Funding Agency. If you are in receipt of certain benefits fees are reduced to 25%. Price in brackets () includes additional costs.

**Course Dates:** Courses are suspended during 16th –22nd Feb. 2015 unless stated otherwise



**This programme is subject to change:** particularly if we are unable to recruit minimum class numbers.

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#### DAD AND CHILD—MOTHERS DAY WORKSHOP

Ages 7-11	Mon 9 Mar.	15.45-17.15.	1.5hrs.	£5.00
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#### EASTER CRAFT WORKSHOP

Ages 6-10	Mon 16 Mar.	15.45-17.15.	1.5hrs.	£5.00
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#### INTRODUCTION TO RAG RUG MAKING

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#### MAKE AN OWL SEWING CADDY

	Fri 13 Feb.	09.30-12.30	3 hrs	£20.00
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#### HOW TO ALTER CLOTHES TO FIT

	Fri 27 Feb.	09.30-12.30	3 hrs	£20.00
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#### SILK PAINT A CUSHION

	Fri 13 Mar.	09.30-12.30	3 hrs	£20.00
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### PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

#### MAKE UP FOR BEGINNERS

	Thurs 29 Jan.	14.30-16.30	3 wks.	£27.00#
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### COMMUNITY SESSIONS

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**ADULT SWIMMING:** Mon. 12.30-13.15, Tues. 19.00-20.00, Thurs.19.00-20.00. All £3.00

**AQUAFIT:** Wed. 12.30-13.15, Fri.12.30-13.15. £





The Haden triplets and the Williams and Oakley Twins sitting on a wall



Street party in Stickley Lane for the Coronation in 1953



Archie Williams with blind coalman Ebenezer Turner, leaning on the van



Cliff Richard visits Robert Street School, Lower Gornal



The 1955 Carnival Queen, Wendy Smith, with her attendants

# Local author Ned is grabbed by Gornals

NED Williams first ventured into The Gornals, to watch The Beatles' Help! at the Alexandra Cinema almost 50 years ago.

He had no inkling then that years later he would be publishing a book about the area.

The trip, in 1965 introduced the now 70-year-old author to Upper Gornal, Lower Gornal and Gornal Wood - where "Furriners" from outside the villages were looked at with confusion and nobody ever had any reason to leave.

Mr Williams has written 50 books about the Black Country, covering everything from local railways to cinemas, theatres and chapels.

His latest turns a spotlight on the three villages - known locally as The Gornals - and their people, places and history.

The father-of-two, who has lived in Wolverhampton since 1974, said: "It's an area that hasn't been properly covered yet."

## MEMORY LANE

Report by Matt Growcott

"Other books tend to write about the larger towns.

"I have been trudging the streets stopping people and asking for stories and photographs. It is backed up with research.

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Take, for instance, the mystery of William Jones. According to the book, during the early 1900s, Jones sold lamp oil, drapery and bedding from his shop in Lake Street, Lower Gornal. He had his own branded horse and cart and claimed to trade in places as far reaching as London.

In 1904, at only 34, Jones vanished, never to be seen again. His wife, Jane, continued to run the business, before selling it six years after her husband's disappearance.

Today the building is used as a hotel and is owned by the church.

Throughout its history, a number of successful businesses have been built across The Gornals. It's part of the reason why these villages became so isolated, and why so many of the older generation spent their entire lives rarely stepping out of its borders.

So isolated were these villages that a couple from different parts of the Gornals is jokingly referred to as a mixed marriage.

Upper Gornal's Spring Farm Dairy had a fleet of vans and a strong force of milkmen delivering, according to the slogan embossed on their bottles, "pure, rich, safe milk." Edward Pyatt owned the dairy, as well as a garage, a shop and a farm. He had started out as a miner, but dreamed of a life farming animals.

The Gornals has been published by Uralia Press and costs £13.50. It is available from Bywater News, in Upper Gornal, Waterstones, WH Smith or call Mr Williams on 01902 773376.



Miriam Marson, nee Pyatt, outside Edward Pyatt's shop



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**Gatehouse gig for Blair Dunlop**

BLAIR Dunlop is coming to the Gatehouse Theatre, Stafford on January 12. The young Horizon award-winning guitarist has been making a big impression on the folk scene.

Dunlop is supported by rising star Kelly Oliver who had a fantastically busy time last year with the launch of her first album. The show starts 8pm. Tickets are £12.50.

The Woodman Folk Club which meets at The Marina, Kingswinford plays host to Dublin entertainer Tommy Dempsey on January 16. Bill Caddick is back on the circuit and at the Black Country club, after a six year gap, on January 23. Both shows start 8.30pm and tickets for both are £6 for members and add £1 for non-members.

**Ruby tour days for punk veterans**

PUNK rock veterans The Stranglers celebrate 40 years on the music scene with their Ruby anniversary spring tour including a gig at Birmingham's O2 Academy on March 14.

Still featuring original members Jean-Jacques Burnel, Jet Black and Dave Greenfield, plus Baz Warne who has been with the band for nearly 15 years, the March On tour will include special guests The Rezillos.

The Stranglers, originally fronted by Hugh Cornwell, had hits including Peaches, No More Heroes, 5 Minutes, Golden Brown, Strange Little Girl, Skin Deep and Duchess.

# Go East for a touching comedy about family divided by culture

## Head out on the highway

JULIAN Cope is described by his publishers Bloomsbury as a 'visionary rock musician and musicologist, hip archaeologist and one-time front man of the Teardrop Explodes'.

He is in concert at Birmingham Glee Club on Sunday, January 25.

Cope has released over 20 solo albums, six acclaimed books, including his autobiography Head-On and guide to the German underground rock scene Krautrock sampler. His recent first work of fiction, One Three One, has been dubbed a 'hooligan road novel'.

Tamworth-raised Cope enjoyed chart hits with The Teardrop Explodes in the 1980s, had a huge solo hit with World Shut Your Mouth and made a string of acclaimed albums. This year he releases a new 'Best Of' compilation covering 1999-2014, entitled Trip Advisor.



Rocker, poet, pagan, hip historian and novelist Julian Cope

**THE critically-acclaimed revival of culture clash comedy East Is East is coming to Birmingham fresh from a run in London's West End.**

Starring Absolutely Fabulous and Trolled star Jane Horrocks as the mother in an Anglo Pakistani family in 1970s Salford, Ayub Khan Din's poignant comedy-drama was previously best known for the 1999 film version, made three years after the play's stage debut.

The production marks the return to the stage for TV and film star Horrocks, who plays Ella Khan. She is fondly remembered for her role as Edina Monsoon's barny personal assistant Bubble in 'Ab Fab' and her movie performance alongside Michael Caine and Brenda Blethyn as the shy but remarkably talented LV in Little Voice.

The play also features the playwright/actor himself with Khan Din as Pakistani chip shop owner George Khan, who is determined to give his children a strict Muslim upbringing. The resulting household tension reaches breaking point as the long-suffering Ella gets caught in the crossfire between her husband and children.

### Chilling

East Is East is staged at the city's New Alexandra Theatre for a five-day run from Tuesday to the following Saturday.

There are other panto alternatives in the region with chilling tale of terror The Frozen Scream at The Patrick Centre in Birmingham Hippodrome until Saturday, January 17. Actor/writer Christopher Green and novelist Sarah Walters, who wrote Fingersmith and Tipping The Velvet, have bravely taken on the task of turning a supposedly cursed novel by 1920s writer CC Gilbert into a play.

Drawing upon Norse myths about dangerous supernatural powers lurking in the snow, this immersive production puts the audience alongside the cast — including Rula Lenska — at a decadent 1920s house party during a blizzard where matters take a macabre turn.

The ticket price includes a cocktail for



A scene from the hit revival of East Is East

sexually frank and darkly comic monologue Fleabag at Birmingham Rep's The Door venue from January 14 to 21. Written by Phoebe Waller-Bridge and performed by Maddie Rice, it's not for the easily shocked.

There is still time to catch the pantos before the festive season becomes a distant memory. Julian Clary unleashes his withering wit as Dandini in Cinderella at Wolverhampton Grand until January 18. Matt Slack, Gary Wilmot and Paul Zerdin form their own crazy gang in Birmingham Hippodrome's spectacular Jack and the Beanstalk until February 1. Roald Dahl fans can have a whizz-banging time at Birmingham Rep with The BFG until January 24.

**Bang Bang they're coming here soon**

THE pop scene in the West Midlands this year will start with a Bang Bang when Jessie J performs at a sold-out Birmingham O2 Academy on January 27.

She plays the city as part of her six-date January UK tour after storming back into the charts with her hit Bang Bang with Ariana Grande and Nicki Minaj.

In October the release of her third studio album Sweet Album secured Jessie her third UK top five album and another MOBO Award for 'Best Female'.

Grande and Minaj also have gigs coming up in Birmingham, rapper Minaj is at the Barclaycard Arena on April 3 and Grande brings her Honeymoon tour to the same venue on June 9.

**Woosey time for the Robin2**

MATT Woosey will be bringing his blend of acoustic and blues music to the Robin2, Bilston on January 14. Woosey is touring on the back of his latest album Wildest Dreams. Tickets are £8 in advance or £10 on the door. Woosey will be supported by Rebecca Downes.

Highly respected musician Phil Beer, also of Show of Hands fame, comes to the Red Lion Folk Club, King's Heath on January 14. Beer will be bringing the sounds of his new album Plays Guitar and Fiddle, Sings A Bit. The show starts at 7.45pm with the doors opening 7.15pm and tickets cost £13.

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CHOICE



**Rita Ora**

**The Voice UK (BBC1, 7pm)**  
New series. The return of the music contest in which the emphasis is on vocals rather than looks. With the departure of pop princess Kylie Minogue from the judging panel, R'n'B singer Rita Ora joins veteran star Tom Jones, producer, writer and rapper Will.i.am and Kaiser Chiefs frontman Ricky Wilson. As always, the contest kicks off with the blind auditions, in which the coaches begin the process of building their 12-strong teams by sitting with their backs to the auditionees and spinning their chair if they want that singer. Presenters Emma Willis and Marvin Humes are on hand to console and congratulate the hopefuls, who include a Scottish fireman, a soap star's daughter and one of the nation's best-loved children's characters.

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BBC1

**6.00 Breakfast.** 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 James Martin: Home Comforts. 12.00 BBC News: Weather. 12.10 Football Focus. 12.50 Saturday Sportsday. 1.00 Live Athletics: Great Edinburgh Cross Country. Coverage from Holyrood Park. 2.35 Live Darts: BDO World Championships. The opening men's semi-final. 4.30 Final Score. 5.20 Pointless Celebrities. (R)

**6.10 BBC News**

**6.30 Now You See It.** New series. The best and worst of the magic world, featuring incredible performances from across the globe as well as tricks going wrong. Narrated by Mel Giedroyc.

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BBC2

**6.00 Film: Apache Territory.** (1958) 7.10 Film: Private's Progress. (1956) 8.45 Film: The Maggie. (1954) 10.15 Fred Dibnah's Building of Britain. (R) 10.45 Fred Dibnah's Building of Britain. (R) 11.15 British Isles: A Natural History. (R) 12.05 James Martin: Home Comforts. (R) 12.50 Michael Caine: Talking Pictures. 1.45 Film: The Ipcress File. (1965) Spy thriller, starring Michael Caine. 3.30 Escape to the Continent. (R) 4.30 Live Darts: BDO World Championships. The ladies' final.

**6.00 Flog It! Trade Secrets.** The experts offer advice on buying and selling military memorabilia and presenter Paul Martin explores the issues surrounding collecting antique firearms. (R)

**6.30 Sacred Wonders of Britain.** Neil Oliver travels to Iona in the Inner Hebrides to learn about St. Columba's tough brand of monasticism, and finds out how the epic journey of St. Cuthbert led to the writing of the Lindisfarne Gospels and the building of Durham Cathedral. At Canterbury Cathedral, Neil discovers how the gruesome murder of Thomas Becket spurred the building of its nave, and on Glastonbury Tor in Somerset, he investigates the story of the Holy Grail, the sacred cup of everlasting life. Last in the series. (R)

**7.30 The Last Days of Anne Boleyn.** Hilary Mantel, Philippa Gregory and David Starkey sift through the evidence to try to determine why Henry VIII's second wife was executed in 1536. (R)

**8.30 Dad's Army.** Captain Mainwaring and his platoon are ordered to clear the area for a major army exercise – but encounter a problem in the shape of a steam engine blocking the path. (R)

**9.00 Britain's Tudor Treasure: A Night at Hampton Court.** Historians Lucy Worsley and David Starkey present a re-creation of the christening service of Henry VIII's son Edward on October 15, 1537.

**10.00 Film: The Other Boleyn Girl.** (2008) A bitter rivalry develops between two sisters as they compete for the affection of King Henry VIII. Historical drama, starring Natalie Portman, Scarlett Johansson and Eric Bana.

**11.50 Darts: BDO World Championships.** 12.40 Film: Lady Caroline Lamb. (1972)

ITV

**6.00 CITV:** Bottom Knockers Street. 6.10 Bottom Knockers Street. (R) 6.20 Bottom Knockers Street. (R) 6.35 Dino Dan. (R) 6.45 Dino Dan. (R) 7.00 Animals. (R) 7.10 Sooty. (R) 7.25 Signed Stories: Share a Story. 7.30 Scrambled! Scrambled! 7.35 Scrambled! Nerds & Monsters. (R) 7.50 Scrambled! Adventure Time. 8.30 Scrambled! Horrid Henry. (R) 8.50 Scrambled! Hulk and the Agents of Smash. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. 10.20 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 11.15 ITV News: Weather. 11.25 Ejector Seat. (R) 12.25 Britain's Best Back Gardens. (R) 1.25 Who's Doing the Dishes? (R) 2.25 Tipping Point. (R) 3.25 Diversity Live. (R) 4.25 Regional Programme: Weather. 4.35 ITV News: Weather. 4.55 Film: Mamma Mia! (2008) Musical comedy, starring Meryl Streep.

**7.00 Harry Hill's Stars in Their Eyes.** New series. The larger-than-life comic steps into the shoes of former hosts Leslie Crowther, Matthew Kelly and Cat Deeley to front this latest reincarnation of the show in which five members of the public are transformed into their singing heroes to perform an iconic hit to an appreciative studio audience. The winner of each round goes forward to the final, with the chance to pick up the series' coveted award.

**8.05 Take Me Out.** Chocolate factory worker Peter, city slicker Liam, oil rig engineer Colin and gymnast Chris vie for the attentions of 30 single women, intent on capturing their interest and securing a date – but first they must get the female participants to keep their lights on as a sign of approval. Host Paddy McGuinness monitors their progress and also reviews the dating action from last week's couples on the Isle of Fernandos.

**9.20 Film: Skyfall.** (2012) James Bond pursues a mysterious criminal mastermind who has orchestrated a terrorist attack on MI6 headquarters and exposed the identities of undercover agents around the world. The trail leads to a rogue former operative who has a personal vendetta against the intelligence organisation's leader. Action thriller, starring Daniel Craig, Javier Bardem, Judi Dench and Ralph Fiennes.

**11.05 ITV News:** Weather.

**11.20 Film: Skyfall.** (2012) Concluded.

**12.20 Off Their Rockers.** (R)

CHANNEL 4

**6.10 How I Met Your Mother.** (R) 6.35 How I Met Your Mother. (R) 7.00 Cycling: Revolution Series. 8.00 The Morning Line. 9.00 The King of Queens. (R) 9.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 10.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 10.30 Frasier. (R) 11.00 Frasier. (R) 11.30 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 12.00 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 12.30 Speed with Guy Martin. (R) 1.30 Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Warwick and Kempton Park. 4.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.00 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 5.30 The Simpsons. (R)

**6.00 The Simpsons.** In another trio of horror tales, Lisa discovers Bart's demented twin in the attic and creates an alternative world in a margarine tub – before becoming its god. (R)

**6.30 Channel 4 News.**

**7.00 The Restoration Man.** George Clarke meets Russell Edwards and Nadia Smith, who are trying to build a family home out of a derelict 18th-century farmhouse in the Shropshire countryside. (R)

**8.00 Tsunami: 10 Years On.** Documentary studying the aftermath of the Boxing Day 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, a decade after it took place. Featuring archive footage and interviews with experts and eyewitnesses. First shown on More4.

**9.00 Film: Bad Teacher.** (2011) Cynical, hard-drinking teacher Elizabeth Halsey hates her job and the kids in her class, and hopes to escape her daily grind by landing a rich husband. A wealthy substitute seems like a suitable candidate, but she has a rival for his attention in a squeaky-clean colleague. Comedy, starring Cameron Diaz, Justin Timberlake, Jason Segel and Lucy Punch.

**10.50 Sarah Millican: Chatterbox Live.** Stand-up show recorded at London's Bloomsbury Theatre in 2011, in which the comedienne shares humorous insights into her life, including the perils of living alone. (R)

**11.50 Film: Cocktail.** (1988) An ambitious bartender with dreams of running his own establishment is torn between the waitress he loves and a wealthy older woman. Drama, starring Tom Cruise and Bryan Brown.

**1.50 Queer as Pop:** From the Gay Scene to the Mainstream. (R) 2.45 Hollyoaks. (R)

CHANNEL 5

**6.00 Milkshake!** 9.50 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) 10.25 Access. 10.30 Ice Road Truckers. (R) 11.25 Ice Road Truckers. (R) 12.20 Ice Road Truckers. (R) 1.20 Film: Columbo: The Murder of a Rock Star. (1991) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk and Little Richard. 3.15 Film: Columbo: Grand Deceptions. (1989) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. 5.15 Deadliest Storms. (R)

**6.10 Scariest Weather.** The most violent and dangerous weather ever caught on camera, including tornadoes and dust storms in America, wildfires in Russia and the tsunami that hit Japan in March 2011. Part of Storm Night. (R)

**7.00 Worst Weather Ever?** Documentary examining the current state of extreme weather, looking at the effect of the increase in the Earth's temperature and exploring what will happen if it continues to rise. Part of Storm Night. (R)

**7.55 Secrets of the Egyptian Pyramids.** Dallas Campbell presents a programme in which a team of investigators attempt to unlock the secrets of some of the world's greatest engineering achievements. In the first episode, scientists and historians led by Steve Burrows, the engineer responsible for the Bird's Nest Olympic stadium in Beijing, travel to Egypt to use 3D laser scanners to digitally recreate virtual replicas of four different ancient pyramids. Through these, they tell the story of how builders 5,000 years ago refined the structure by learning from their mistakes and look at why the pharaohs came to be buried in them. (R)

**8.55 5 News Weekend.**

**9.00 Celebrity Big Brother.** Highlights of the famous residents' past 24 hours under the all-seeing eye of Big Brother, as they try to get used to their housemates' quirks and foibles while also coping with the day-to-day complications of life inside the house.

**10.00 Film: Mr & Mrs Smith.** (2005) Married assassins are hired to kill each other – a situation that restores some much-needed excitement to their relationship. Comedy adventure, with Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie.

**12.15 SuperCasino.** 3.10 Celebrity Big Brother. (R) 4.00 House Doctor. (R)

DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
7.00 Great Movie Mistakes IV: May the Fourth Be with You 8.00 Top Gear 9.00 Film: Avengers Assemble (2012) 11.15 Family Guy 1.30 Crims 2.00 People Just Do Nothing 4.00 Close

**BBC Four**  
7.00 Lost Land of the Volcano 8.00 Everyday Miracles: The Genius of Sofas, Stockings and Scanners 9.00 Spiral 10.50 Rock 'n' Roll Britannia 11.50 Totally British: 70s Rock 'n' Roll 1.55 Top of the Pops: 1980 2.25 Lost Land of the Volcano 3.25 Sounds of the Sixties 3.55 Close

**ITV2**  
12.05 The Cube 1.10 Film: Richie Rich (1994) 3.05 You've Been Framed! 4.05 You've Been Framed: The Next Generation! 5.05 You've Been Framed! 5.35 Film: Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) 7.20 Film: Evan Almighty (2007) 9.20 Take Me Out – The Gossip 10.05 Blue Go Mac In Ibiza 11.05 Film: Ocean's Eleven (2001) 1.30 Mom 1.50 Fake Reaction 2.25 Life's Funniest Moments 2.50 Teleshopping 5.50 ITV2 Nightscreen

**ITV3**  
11.30 Lewis 1.35 Inspector Morse 3.50 Agatha Christie's Marple 5.55 Rosemary & Thyme 7.00 Doc Martin 8.00 Midsomer Murders 10.00 Lewis 12.00 Inspector Morse 2.00 ITV3 Nightscreen 2.30 Teleshopping

**ITV4**  
11.55 Film: The Cimarron Kid (1952) 1.40 Jokaj 4.35 Storage Wars 5.00 Storage Wars: Texas 6.00 Live FIA Formula E Championship. The Buenos Aires ePrix. 8.30 Storage Wars 9.00 Film: The Chronicles of Riddick (2004) 11.20 Film: Troy (2004) 2.25 Highway Patrol 2.45 ITV4 Nightscreen 3.00 Teleshopping 3.30 The Store 4.30 Teleshopping

**E4**  
11.30 Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. 12.30 Rude(ish) Tube 1.30 Troy 2.00 The Big Bang Theory 4.00 How I Met Your Mother 5.00 Rude(ish) Tube 6.00 The Big Bang Theory 8.00 The 100 9.00 Film: Beverly Hills Cop (1984) 11.05 The Big Bang Theory 12.00 The Inbetweeners 1.00 How I Met Your Mother 2.00 The Ricky Gervais Show 3.25 Don't Trust the B\*\*\*\* in Apartment 23 4.10 Charmed

**Film4**  
11.00 Cat Ballou (1965) 1.00 Taxi (2004) 2.55 Battle of the Sexes (1959) 4.40 Cleoless (1995) 6.35 Beaches (1988) 9.00 Ghost (1990) 11.30 The Bay (2012) 1.15 Scanners (1981) 3.30 Close

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CHOICE



David Jason

**Still Open All Hours (BBC1, 7.30pm)**  
Although Arkwright may no longer be manning the unpredictable till, not much else has changed in his famous corner shop. So if some viewers are still claiming that in reality, it would have been taken over by a chain, turned into a tanning parlour or simply closed down all together, they'll be able to sympathise with the snobbish Mrs Dawlish, who this week struggles to believe that such a quaint little place still exists. Luckily, Granville thinks there may be a way to make money out of her incredulity. However, that doesn't mean he's afraid to move with the times – the shopkeeper also has ambitions to open a coffee shop, which is causing quite a stir in the neighbourhood. Meanwhile, Eric, has been landed with a new job.

BBC1

**6.00 Breakfast.** A round-up of national and international news, plus sports reports, weather forecasts and arts and entertainment features. **7.30 Match of the Day.** (R) **9.00 The Andrew Marr Show.** **10.00 The Big Questions.** **11.00 Sunday Politics.** **12.15 MOTD2 Extra.** **1.00 BBC News: Weather.** **1.15 Bargain Hunt.** **2.15 Flog It!** (R) **2.45 Escape to the Country.** (R) **3.35 Songs of Praise.** **4.10 Film: Shrek 2.** (2004) Animated adventure sequel, with the voice of Mike Myers. **5.30 BBC News: Regional News; Weather.**  
**6.00 Celebrity Mastermind.** Gemma Cairney, Anthony Ogogo, Tina Malone and Dominic Laurie answer questions on subjects including the Spice Girls, the London Underground and Barbra Streisand.  
**6.30 Countryfile.** People and places hit by the 2014 floods in Somerset, meeting the farmer whose livelihood ended up underwater and finding out how it affected the local birdlife, including Weather for the Week Ahead.  
**7.30 Still Open All Hours.** Granville's plans to open a coffee shop cause a stir in the neighbourhood, and snobbish local Mrs Dawlish pays a visit, surprised that such old-fashioned corner shops still exist. David Jason stars.  
**8.00 Antiques Roadshow.** The team returns to Waltham Forest Town Hall in east London, where items include an Art Deco pendant with a hint of ancient Egypt and a purse that saved a German soldier's life.  
**9.00 Last Tango in Halifax.** Celia tries to improve her relationship with Alan and accepts Gary into her life. Despite their tense relationship, she stands by Caroline when some devastating news is received.  
**10.00 BBC News: Regional News; Weather.**  
**10.30 Match of the Day 2.** Mark Chapman presents action from the latest Premier League fixtures, which were Arsenal v Stoke City at the Emirates Stadium and Manchester United v Southampton at Old Trafford.  
**11.35 The Apprentice USA.** Surviving candidates Meat Loaf, Marlee Matlin, Dionne Warwick and others are tasked to create a children's book and perform its contents to a group of youngsters.  
**1.00 Weather for the Week Ahead.**

BBC2

**6.15 Great British Garden Revival.** (R) **7.15 Glorious Gardens from Above.** (R) **8.00 Countryfile.** (R) **9.00 The Football League Show.** (R) **10.20 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites.** **11.50 Food & Drink.** (R) **12.20 James Martin: Home Comforts.** (R) **12.50 Live Snooker: The Masters.** Mark Selby v Shaun Murphy. **5.00 Ski Sunday.** **5.45 Live Darts:** BDO World Championships. Colin Murray presents coverage of the men's final, as the tournament concludes at the Lakeside Country Club in Frimley Green, and the successor to Stephen Bunting is crowned. Subsequent programmes subject to change.  
**8.00 Kate Humble – Into the Volcano.** Part two of two. Kate joins a team of geologists on another research expedition in the southern Pacific as they head to the island of Ambrym in the Vanuatu archipelago. There she undertakes an arduous journey to the volcanic cone Marum – which contains one of only five lava lakes on the planet – abseiling right to its heart to discover if another major eruption may be imminent. Along the way she discovers how the volcano has shaped the customs and traditions of the islanders and discovers what it really means to live each day on its slopes.  
**9.00 Racing Legends: John Surtees.** High-profile car enthusiasts pay tribute to British motorsport greats and re-enact one of their most iconic races. Last in the series.  
**10.00 QI XL.** Extended edition. Question master Stephen Fry continues the comedy quiz's exploration of subjects beginning with the letter L as he asks a range of fiendish questions on the multisized worlds of the little and the large. Joining regular panellist Alan Davies are Pointless co-host Richard Osman and stand-ups Lucy Porter and Phill Jupitus, who are all hoping they don't fall into the QI elves' traps and set off the klaxon.  
**10.45 Billionaire's Paradise: Inside Necker Island.** Documentary looking behind the scenes at Richard Branson's Necker Island, one of the world's most exclusive holiday destinations where guests can pay more than £40,000 a night. (R)  
**11.45 Snooker: The Masters.** Stuart Bingham v Marco Fu. **12.35 Snooker Extra.**

ITV

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**6.35 Regional Programme; Weather.** **6.45 ITV News; Weather.** **7.00 All Star Family Misfortunes.** Vernon Kay reviews clangers and bloopers from the long-running quiz show, together with some of the more silly answers proposed by its celebrity participants.  
**8.00 Foyle's War.** The son of a high-profile Jewish businessman is attacked in the grounds of a university, leaving Foyle to consider the possibility that the attack was racially motivated. Meanwhile, in London, tensions mount as charismatic right-wing leader Guy Spencer is released from prison. But is he being set up to take the spotlight off a dangerous espionage operation involving MI6? Elsewhere, Sam becomes acutely aware of the impact of the war on Adam's constituents as she encounters a young boy suffering from whooping cough. Michael Kitchen stars in the 1940s-set crime drama, with Honeyusuckle Weeks and Daniel Weyman.  
**10.00 ITV News; Weather.** **10.15 The Kyle Files.** Jeremy Kyle tackles high-profile issues that affect people's lives across Britain. (R)  
**10.45 The Undriveables.** Some of Britain's worst learner drivers are paired with leading instructors in an attempt to finally pass their test. An Essex woman tackles London's hectic roads. (R)  
**11.15 Premiership Rugby Union.** Highlights of the latest top-flight fixtures.  
**12.10 The Store.**

CHANNEL 4

**6.20 How I Met Your Mother.** (R) **6.45 How I Met Your Mother.** (R) **7.10 How I Met Your Mother.** (R) **7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond.** (R) **8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond.** (R) **8.30 Frasier.** (R) **9.00 Frasier.** (R) **9.30 Sunday Brunch.** **12.30 The Big Bang Theory.** (R) **1.00 The Big Bang Theory.** (R) **1.30 Film: Astro Boy.** (2009) Animated sci-fi adventure, with the voice of Freddie Highmore. **3.15 Film: The Princess Diaries.** (2001) Family comedy, starring Anne Hathaway. **5.30 Channel 4 News.** **6.00 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun.** Sara Damergi searches the Kissimmee area of Florida to find a holiday home suitable for mother-and-daughter duo Jane and Bethan Thomas, who wish to buy a place close by the sunshine state's theme parks that they adore so much. Within their £70,000 budget, the options include a two-bedroom apartment and a three-bedroom lakeside house that offers a promising rental return.  
**7.00 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent.** The property expert heads to Bath to assist Robert and Angela, who have had their home on the market for five years and Sam and Maria, who have been trying to sell for 10 months.  
**8.00 The Hotel.** Mark makes plans to stage a Scottish-themed event so a coachload of guests will stay put at the Cavendish and not be tempted to take their money elsewhere.  
**9.00 Walking the Nile.** Levison Wood meets members of the Mundari tribe, who have set up a cattle camp on an island in the middle of the River Nile and lead an isolated yet tranquil existence.  
**10.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown.** Jimmy Carr hosts the irreverent quiz, with team captains Sean Lock and Jon Richardson joined by guests from the worlds of comedy and entertainment. (R)  
**11.05 Film: Machine Gun Preacher.** (2011) Premiere. A former gang member seeks to protect children who have been orphaned during a civil war in east Africa. Fact-based drama, starring Gerard Butler and Michelle Monaghan.  
**1.30 The Last Leg.** (R) **2.25 Film: The History of Mr. Polly.** (1949) **4.05 Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners.** (R) **5.00 Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites.** (R) **5.05 SuperScrimpers.** (R)

CHANNEL 5

**6.00 Milkshake!** Peppa Pig. **6.05 Roary the Racing Car.** (R) **6.15 Angelina Ballerina.** (R) **6.30 Pip Ahoy!** (R) **6.40 The Mr Men Show.** (R) **6.55 Chloe's Closet.** (R) **7.05 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures.** (R) **7.10 Only the Little White Van.** (R) **7.15 Bananas in Pyjamas.** (R) **7.30 Make Way for Noddy.** (R) **7.45 Paw Patrol.** (R) **7.55 Little Princess.** (R) **8.10 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky.** (R) **8.25 Wanda and the Alien.** **8.35 Zack and Quack.** (R) **8.50 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom.** (R) **9.05 Jelly Jam.** (R) **9.25 LazyTown.** (R) **9.50 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** (R) **10.25 Access.** (R) **10.30 Monkey Life.** (R) **11.00 The Inspector.** (R) **1.00 Film: Mrs Caldicott's Cabbage War.** (2003) Comedy drama, starring Pauline Collins. **3.10 Film: The Pursuit of Happiness.** (2006) Fact-based drama, starring Will Smith. **5.30 Film: Aladdin.** (1992) Disney animated adventure, with the voice of Robin Williams.  
**7.10 5 News Weekend.** **7.15 Film: Jackie Chan's The Medallion.** (2003) An evil crime lord tries to capture a boy who has supernatural powers, but a team of international police officers is on his trail. One of the cops is killed saving the child, who resurrects him using a magical medallion. The revived detective now has superhuman abilities, which he uses to protect the youngster. Comedy adventure, with Jackie Chan, Lee Evans, Julian Sands, Claire Forlani and John Rhys-Davies. Edited for violence.  
**9.00 Celebrity Big Brother.** A chance to catch up with the latest events inside the house as the celebrities cope with living under constant surveillance, with all the arguments and alliances, as well as the revelations in the diary room.  
**10.00 Film: A Lonely Place to Die.** (2011) Premiere. Five mountaineers rescue a Serbian girl held captive in the Scottish Highlands, only to be attacked by her kidnappers. Thriller, starring Melissa George and Ed Speleers.  
**11.55 Winter Road Rescue.** Documentary following the work of snowplough drivers, RAC patrols and heavy-recovery specialists toiling to ensure the UK's roads are kept clear. (R)  
**12.55 SuperCasino.**

DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
**7.00 Pop's Greatest Dance Crazes** **7.25 The Voice UK** **9.00 Backchat** with Jack Whitehall and His Dad **9.30 Russell Howard's Good News** **10.00 Family Guy** **10.45 Crims** **11.15 Family Guy** **12.00 Backchat** with Jack Whitehall and His Dad **12.30 Russell Howard's Good News** **1.00 Sweat the Small Stuff**  
**BBC Four**  
**7.00 Architects of the Divine:** The First Gothic Age **8.00 Queen Victoria's Letters:** A Monarch Unveiled **9.00 Dan Cruickshank and the Family That Built Gothic Britain** **10.00 The Sky at Night: The Billion Pixel Camera** **10.30 Secrets of the Universe: Great Scientists in their Own Words** **11.30 Meat Loaf: In and Out of Hell** **12.30 Heavy Metal Britannia** **2.00 Heavy Metal Britannia** at the BBC  
**ITV2**  
**11.35 Take Me Out** **12.50 Take Me Out – The Gossip** **1.35 You've Been Framed!** **2.05 Film: Valiant** (2005) **3.35 Film: Mr Magorium's Wonder Emporium** (2007) **5.30 Film: King Kong** (2005) **9.00 Film: Shaun of the Dead** (2004) **11.05 Film: Not Another Teen Movie** (2001) **1.05 Mom** **1.30 Fake Reaction** **2.10 The Hot Desk: Neon Jungle** **2.20 Teleshopping** **5.50 ITV2 Nightscreen**  
**ITV3**  
**11.40 Wycliffe** **12.55 Rosemary & Thyme** **1.55 Film: The Pure Hell of St Trinian's** (1960) **3.55 Inspector Morse** **5.55 Lewis** **8.00 The Zoo** **9.00 It'll Be Alright on the Night** **8.55 The Worst of Hell** **12.30 Northern Lights** **11.00 Wycliffe** **12.10 Film: Interview with the Vampire** (1994)  
**ITV4**  
**11.00 FIA Formula E Championship** **12.00 Prawn Stars** **2.15 Alias Smith and Jones** **3.15 Film: Destry** (1954) **5.20 Film: Red River** (1948) **8.00 Premiership Rugby Union** **9.00 Film: Apocalypse Now** (1979) **12.05 Hell on Wheels**  
**E4**  
**12.30 Revenge** **1.30 The Big Bang Theory** **3.00 Brooklyn Nine-Nine** **4.00 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD** **5.00 The 100** **6.00 The Big Bang Theory** **8.00 Film: 10 Things I Hate About You** (1999) **9.55 The Big Bang Theory** **11.25 The Interveners** **12.30 Rude Tube** **1.35 Rules of Engagement** **2.30 Charmed** **3.10 The Cleveland Show** **3.30 Hollyoaks**  
**Film4**  
**11.00 Against the Wind** (1948) **1.00 Just Wright** (2010) **3.05 Flash Gordon** (1960) **5.20 Biogles** (1968) **7.15 Fast Girls** (2012) **9.00 Unknown** (2011) **11.15 Wrong Turn** at Tahoe (2009)

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MONDAY

**Nora Roberts' High Noon, Channel 5, 3.15pm**  
When a hostage negotiator is attacked in a police station, suspicion falls on an officer whose incompetence she had exposed. However, when the campaign of intimidation continues, she discovers she is being targeted by a deranged criminal who holds her responsible for a tragedy in his past. Crime thriller, with Emilie de Ravin and Patrick Sabongui. (2009)

TUESDAY

**Primeval, BBC1, 12.05am**  
Two American reporters and a cameraman travel to Africa in search of a near-mythical giant crocodile that has savaged hundreds to death. However, they not only have a battle surviving encounters with the man-eating predator, but also end up in the throes of a long-standing civil war involving a local warlord who does not take kindly to intruders on his territory. Thriller, starring Dominic Purcell and Orlando Jones. (2007)



Couples Retreat, Friday, ITV, 10.40pm

WEDNESDAY

**Keeping Up with the Steins, BBC1, 11.35pm**  
The Fiedler and Stein families embark on a game of one-upmanship as they try to outdo each other in their lavish preparations for their 13-year-old sons' forthcoming bar mitzvah parties. Meanwhile, one of the boys uses the occasion to plan a surprise reunion between his dad and estranged grandfather. Comedy drama, starring Daryl Sabara. (2006)

FRIDAY

**Couples Retreat, ITV, 10.40pm**  
A couple on the brink of divorce sign up for relationship therapy on a tropical island, but find they can save money if they persuade their friends to join them. Three more couples go along for the holiday, thinking they do not need any help – but the unconventional treatment soon exposes cracks in their relationships. Comedy, starring Vince Vaughn and Jason Bateman. (2009)

**Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan, Channel 4, 12.30am**  
A Kazakhstani journalist is sent to the United States to learn about the country and its customs. However, when the inquisitive reporter stumbles across an episode of Baywatch featuring Pamela Anderson, he becomes convinced she is his future bride and embarks on a reckless mission to track her down. Spoof documentary, starring Sacha Baron Cohen. (2006)

Looking to make their dreams come true

George Clarke likes to keep himself busy – so much so that he's often juggling various TV projects as well as running his own architectural firm.

Last March, he told us he was "making series three of Amazing Spaces. I'm making series four of Amazing Spaces at the same time. I'm making series five of Restoration Man, alongside series six of Restoration Man."

Blimey!  
Well, at least his fans know that if they miss one instalment, they won't have long to wait until the next.

Amazing Spaces ended its run just before Christmas, and now it's the turn of the aforementioned series five of Restoration Man to take centre stage. And, despite the nation's continuing economic issues, it seems that people are still more than willing to invest their hard-earned savings in bricks and mortar – even if sometimes there isn't much of either when they take on a building.

"I think they're amazing," says George of those who take part in the

programme. "These are people who are generally jumping into the unknown, taking on grade one or grade two listed buildings, many that have been abandoned for years."

"They do use a phrase sometimes that does make me laugh but is true, and they say, 'If I wasn't so naive, I wouldn't have taken on the project in the first place.' But the upside is that they're not paying a king's ransom for these buildings."

He has a sound piece of advice for all involved, although some don't give it much heed: "Get the professionals around you that can really help you and advise you in the areas you're lacking. As you know from watching the programmes, people do make some really major mistakes where they think they can design it themselves, but they can't and they get it wrong."

"Get a project manager involved if you've never done it before. A project manager is somebody who's seen as an investment, not a cost. They will save you money over the course of the build."

The second episode of the current

run sees George travel to Great Braxted in Essex, where Jim and Bee Goody want to turn a derelict Victorian school into their dream home in the country.

Sadly, they haven't been able to sell their existing house to help them fund the project, so have taken on a bridging loan, but on the upside, George is thrilled to hear that some of the original features they initially felt would hamper their creation of the perfect abode have now become some of their favourite aspects.

"I'm passionate about architecture and all over the country there are beautiful buildings with real soul that need to be saved," explains George. "I'm not interested in creating living museums. The challenge is to give these historic buildings a modern twist and drag them into the 21st century."

"What I loved about this was that these people have such a passion for Britain's architectural history. They just wanted to save the buildings for future generations."

"I love that, I find it really quite humbling."



George Clarke (left) in The Restoration Man, Wednesday, Channel 4, 8pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY  
Broadchurch  
ITV, 9pm

In 2013, after the first airing of multi-award-winning drama Broadchurch, viewers cancelled all Monday evening plans for the foreseeable, after David Tennant and Olivia Colman and co gave out such sterling performances, we simply couldn't think of anything else. Conversations, whether around the water cooler at work, or down the pub of a weekend, started and ended with 'who do we think really killed Danny Latimer?' It's safe to say, we were a nation addicted – to a television programme! But such is the calibre of writer Chris Chibnell's work. However, as we'd have expected, the focus of this second series has been shrouded in secrecy, and Chibnell explained: 'I knew, from the start, that there was another story to tell in the world of Broadchurch; so much so that I'd pitched it to Peter Fincham, Director of Television at ITV, in our very first meeting when he greenlit the first series of the show.' Tonight, the drama continues, as DI Alec Hardy and DS Ellie Miller continue their investigative work, the previous case never far from their minds.

TUESDAY

Suspects  
Channel 5, 10pm

New series. The return of the crime drama following

the work of three detectives, in which the actors devise their own dialogue based on a detailed plot description. DI Martha Bellamy welcomes back DS Jack Weston after a period of enforced leave following the paedophile investigation, warning him this is his final chance. Jack and DC Charlie Steele investigate when a popular art teacher is found with life-threatening head injuries at a sixth-form college, with suspicions falling on handyman Ben Peel and head Rory O'Hanlon.

WEDNESDAY  
Angry, White and Proud  
Channel 4, 10pm

There's some hard-hitting stuff in this documentary, which explores how far-right splinter groups are on the rise. It's an eye-opener for director Jamie Roberts, who in his first full-length documentary, gets to know members of the far right – those who call themselves 'patriots', but some of whom admit to being racist and hating Muslims. Jamie and his camera

follow all aspects of their lives, from violent street protests and police arrests, to the ups and downs of their domestic lives. Colin is a former nightclub DJ, but these days, puts all his efforts into his group The South London Infidels, and has such strong negative views on Islam that in the past, it's cost him his job. We also meet Paul, a former key figure in the English Defence League who now heads up the South East Alliance, and a man who joined the far-right cause following the tragic death of his son.

THURSDAY

Cyberbully  
Channel 4, 9pm

It's been claimed that 69 per cent of young people in the UK have experienced some form of cyber bullying. Some cynics, especially those who are old enough to remember a time before social

media, may think that the answer is to log off the internet, but as this one-off drama shows us, it's not always that easy. Cyberbully stars Game of Thrones actress Maisie Williams as Casey Jacobs, a teenage girl who like many others her age is in constant digital communication with her friends, whether it's by text, social media or video chats. However, she's about to be faced with the darker side of effectively living her life online when she's targeted by an anonymous hacker. Her ordeal plays out in real time, and while what happens may seem extreme, it's certainly not beyond the realms of possibility or moving into Black Mirror's 'what if?' territory – worryingly, the events depicted have been inspired by real-life cases.

FRIDAY

Race to the Pole  
Channel 5, 7pm

Richard Parks takes part in a gruelling, mega-distance running event called the Jungle Ultra. In intense heat over five days, he has to cover a total of 230km across the brutal and unforgiving terrain of the Peruvian Amazon, with the course taking him from the cooler cloud forest down into the Amazon basin and through the jungle itself in Manu National Park. In addition, Richard has to carry all his own provisions with him, including food and safety and camping gear.



Suspects, Tuesday, Channel 5, 10pm

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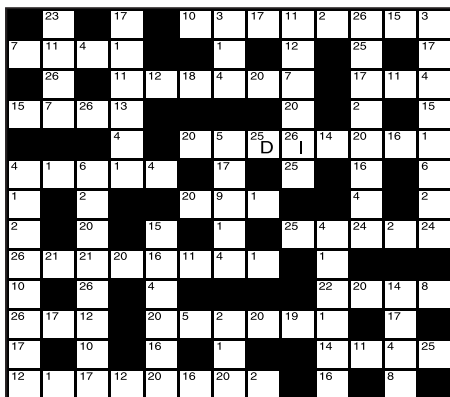
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## Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

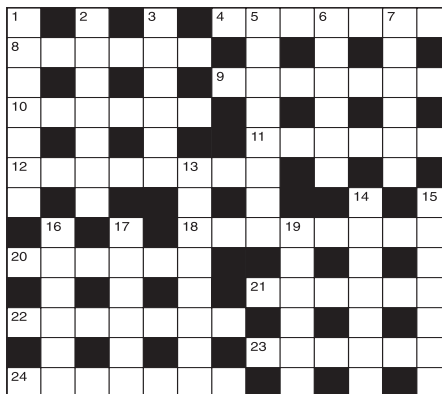
### Cryptic Clues:

#### Across

- Believes the bank balances (7)
- 8 & 9AC.** The nervous exuberance of beastly apparitions! (6,7)
- See 8 Across
- They're taken by priest and private (6)
- Did some pillaging - dismissed (6)
- Photograph one quick on the draw (8)
- Try out under-ground scientific equipment (4-4)
- Selected group of pupils upsets the master (6)
- Has wet dressing changed (6)
- Tunic for a knight, we hear (7)
- Ready to put in a word for the actor (6)
- Provide new cover as compensation (7)

#### Down

- Revel and merry-go-round almost finished (7)
- A thousand ladies upset by faulty distribution (7)
- The children and I in the farm buildings (6)
- It becomes involved with posers and provides smart answers (8)
- To do a job on the board is straightforward (6)
- A torn piece of material for the lace-worker (6)
- You'll find them also upset by cooked food (3,5)
- Where one may declare routine practices (7)
- Dislikes being told to go in the reserves (7)
- Accurately use a pitch-fork! (6)
- Sportsman who may well be foiled (6)
- In the direction of information sign at the hospital? (6)



### Quick Clues:

#### Across

- Hamlet (7)
- Cordial (6)
- Odd (7)
- Bad (6)
- Wave (6)
- Effort (8)
- Disaster (8)
- Diversion (6)
- Jail (6)
- Exhibit (7)
- Self-possession (6)
- Distended (7)

#### Down

- Curtail (7)
- Case of cutlery (7)
- Road (6)
- Inside (8)
- Apt (6)
- Silenced (6)
- Grow (8)
- Errand (7)
- Before long (2,3,2)
- Critique (6)
- Force (6)
- Sudden (6)

## Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

1	6	9	3	5	8	4	7	2
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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Countenance; 9 Ten; 10 Automatic; 11 Aides; 13 Trestle; 14 Gas-bag; 16 Assign; 18 Tripper; 19 Scene; 20 Absorbing; 21 Fit; 22 Clandestine. Down: 2 Own; 3 Nears; 4 Estate; 5 Aimless; 6 Cut it fine; 7 Straightway; 8 Screen tests; 12 Dismissal; 15 Aspirin; 17 Praise; 19 Sight; 21 Fan. QUICK - Across: 1 Injudicious; 9 Nip; 10 Fascinate; 11 Erect; 13 Distant; 14 Tweeds; 16 Devout; 18 Liaison; 19 Onset; 20 Tailoring; 21 Too; 22 Influential. Down: 2 Nap; 3 Unfit; 4 Inside; 5 Imitate; 6 Unanimous; 7 Infertility; 8 Restitution; 12 Elevation; 15 Despoli; 17 Entire; 19 Ought; 21 Tea.

## Quiz

- Who presents TV's Question Time?
- By what name is a kangaroo's young commonly known?
- What is the largest city in Switzerland?
- Who wrote the novel Cat's Cradle in 1963?
- Which pop star married film director Guy Ritchie in 2000?
- Which fish's young include alevins and smolts?
- By which first name is former decathlete Francis Morgan Thompson better known?
- Of which building does the White Tower of c.1079 form a part?
- Whose first novel was A Parliamentary Affair?
- Which record company was founded in Detroit by Berry Gordy Jnr?

### Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Gerrymandering; 2 Bing Crosby; 3 India; 4 Beetle; 5 Margarine; 6 Pacific; 7 Arthur C. Clarke; 8 Nutmeg; 9 Fred Astaire; 10 Juggernaut.

### Niner: WORKMATES

## Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

**925** gives a female animal,  
**1344** gives a male animal,  
**157658** gives a rodent.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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<b>KINGSWINFORD</b>  <b>GREENFIELDS ROAD</b> <b>FOR SALE £127,500</b> Semi Detached Property comprising of: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom. Benefits include: Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Large Frontage, Off Road Parking, Front & Rear Garden.	<b>KINGSWINFORD</b>  <b>MOSS GROVE</b> <b>FOR SALE £179,500</b> Detached Property. To Include: Entrance Hall, Lounge/Diner, Kitchen, Morning Room, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom. Benefits include: Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Driveway, Garage and well maintained Front & Rear Gardens.	<b>WORDSLEY</b>  <b>STABLE LODGE</b> <b>FOR SALE £124,950</b> Impressive, well presented property in private courtyard Comprising of: Entrance Hall, Large Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen/Diner, One Bedroom, Bathroom. Benefits include: Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Off Road Parking.	<b>AMBLECOTE</b>  <b>KING WILLIAM STREET</b> <b>FOR SALE £155,000</b> Semi Detached Property with NO UPWARD CHAIN, having had a full refurbishment to include high quality kitchen and bathroom. Comprises of: Lounge, Fully Fitted Kitchen with Integrated Appliances, Conservatory, Two Bedrooms and Shower Room.
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<b>BRIERLEY HILL</b>  <b>NEW</b> <b>DADFORD VIEW</b> <b>£395 pcm*</b> Ground Floor Flat, Lounge/Kitchen, Bedroom, Bathroom with shower, Allocated Parking, Front Garden, Electric Heating, Double Glazing, UNFURNISHED.	<b>DUDLEY</b>  <b>NEW</b> <b>MIDDLEPARK ROAD</b> <b>£575 pcm*</b> Semi-Detached House, Refurbished and Re-decorate, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, New Kitchen with built in appliances, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gardens Front & Rear, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing.	<b>DUDLEY</b>  <b>NEW</b> <b>MINEHEAD ROAD</b> <b>£570 pcm*</b> Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Front & Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking, Garage.	<b>KINGSWINFORD</b>  <b>NEW</b> <b>SANDHURST ROAD</b> <b>£425 pcm*</b> Semi Detached Property, Lounge/Diner, Kitchen, Bedroom, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Front & Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking, Garage, Unfurnished.
<b>PENSNETT</b>  <b>NEW</b> <b>KIRKHAM GARDENS</b> <b>£520 pcm*</b> Mid Terrace House, Large Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Parking for 2 cars, Front & Rear Gardens, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished.	<b>NORTON</b>  <b>NEW</b> <b>THE BROADWAY</b> <b>£550 pcm*</b> Large First Floor Flat, Entrance, Good Sized Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, Garage, Off Road Parking to rear, Gas Central Heating, UNFURNISHED, NO PETS, DSS CONSIDERED.	<b>STOURBRIDGE</b>  <b>NEW</b> <b>LICKEY ROAD</b> <b>£650 pcm*</b> Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen, Conservatory, Study, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished.	<b>DUDLEY</b>  <b>NEW</b> <b>RUSSELLS HALL ROAD</b> <b>£625 pcm*</b> Semi-Detached House, Lounge/Diner, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Garage, Off Road Parking, Front & Rear Gardens, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished.
<b>OLDSWINFORD</b>  <b>NEW</b> <b>THE FURLONGS</b> <b>£585 pcm*</b> Semi Detached Cottage, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Bathroom with Shower, Two Bedrooms, Loft Room, Unfurnished, Gas Central Heating.	<b>DUDLEY</b>  <b>NEW</b> <b>ATTINGHAM DRIVE</b> <b>£350 pcm*</b> First Floor Studio Apartment, Communal Entrance, Open Plan Kitchen, Lounge/Dining/Bedroom Area, Shower Room, Car Port, Communal Grounds, Double Glazing, Electric Heating.	<b>LYE</b>  <b>LOVE LANE</b> <b>£395 pcm*</b> Top Floor Flat, Entrance, Lounge, Kitchen, Bedroom, Bathroom with shower, Allocated Parking, Communal Grounds, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, UNFURNISHED.	<b>SEDGLEY</b>  <b>HAMILTON CLOSE</b> <b>£695 pcm*</b> Detached House, Entrance, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Single Garage, Off Road Parking, Gardens to Front & Rear, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing.

(Administration/application fees will apply)

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**GORNAL WOOD, Himley Road**  
EXTENDED, gas centrally heated, double glazed detached with self contained GRANNY EXTENSION comprising: porch, hall, cloakroom, cellarette, lounge, dining room, kitchen with CONSERVATORY beyond, Three bedrooms, bathroom, loft, Inter communicating door to granny suite with hallway, lounge, kitchen, double bedroom with bathroom en suite. Parking & access to driveway to rear WORKSHOP & carport, garden. EPC: D. SEDGLEY



**SEDGLEY, Cotwall End Road**  
Gas centrally heated, double glazed detached for improvement with PANORAMIC VIEWS comprising: hall, cloaks, L shape living room with views, kitchen, veranda. Double bedroom 3, bathroom, dining room, garden room.To first floor Two bedrooms. Garage,garden. EPC-E SEDGLEY



**SEDGLEY, Off Lime Road, The Bungalow**  
Approached from Lime Road, a tremendously EXTENDED, gas centrally heated & double glazed FOUR/FIVE bedroom detached family residence with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS. Concealed from Lime Road and with an automated security gate the property comprises: reception hall, two 24' through living rooms, sitting room,CONSERVATORY, inner hallway, shower room, kitchen, lobby, various stores & a separate toilet, two double bedrooms. To first floor are two further double bedrooms (one with bathroom en suite, and the other with further loft potential). Parking, gardens. EPC: D. SEDGLEY

Offers in the region of £279,950

Offers in the region of £256,000

Offers in the region of £255,000



**WOMBOURNE, Wombourne Park**  
A SUPERB 3 BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE all RECENTLY & BEAUTIFULLY RE APPOINTED THROUGHOUT, including a ground floor wet/ shower room plus LARGE CONSERVATORY. Set beyond the LARGE DRIVEWAY with side GARAGE and a Large Private Rear Garden. EPC E



£209,950



**Dudley, Oakham Avenue**  
This EXTENDED, LARGE, SEMI DETACHED FAMILY HOME affords a layout with GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND DOUBLE GLAZING and comprises: Porch, Hall, Sitting Room with Dining Area, KITCHEN, Three Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, Garage & Large Garden. EPC D

£199,950



**LOWER GORNAL, Summit Place**  
ABSOLUTELY OUTSTANDING, Freehold, gas centrally heated & double glazed detached bungalow that has been "transformed" in recent years to provide remarkable "quirky" accommodation and briefly comprises: reception hall (incorporating a former living room), enlarged principal bedroom, further double bedroom, shower room, refitted kitchen with an extensive range of cream finish units, utility room, conservatory, Gardens & extensive parking. EPC: T.B.A. SEDGLEY

Offers in the region of £199,950



**WOLVERHAMPTON, Ward Grove, Ettingshall Park**  
A stunning gas centrally heated, double glazed ENLARGED detached "transformed" in recent months to an exemplary standard with entrance vestibule, Large hall, L shape 20ft living room, refitted breakfast kitchen with extensive range of units & appliances, fitted cloaks. Three bedrooms (one with shower room en suite), bathroom (whirlpool bath), shortened garage, parking, good size rear garden. EPC: T.B.A. SEDGLEY

Offers in the region of £189,950



**LOWER GORNAL, Summer Lane**  
Mostly double glazed gas centrally heated Period home with LARGE ATTACHED WORKSHOPS occupying a generous plot. NO UPWARD CHAIN - With lounge, sitting room,dining room, kitchen, bathroom, two first double bedrooms; two large workshops attached office, driveway, garden area. EPC:E, SEDGLEY



**COSELEY, The Paddock**  
EXTENDED, double glazed, gas centrally heated detached by cricket ground comprising/ entrance vestibule, hall, cloaks/ shower room, dining room,16'9" lounge, kitchen. Three bedrooms, bathroom,,23'2" garage, garden brick store. EPC:E. SEDGLEY

Offers in the region of £159,950

New price WAS £157,950, NOW £149,950



**QUARRY BANK, Marion Close**  
This STYLISH, BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED, THREE BEDROOM, SEMI DETACHED FAMILY HOME, briefly comprises: Hall, Attractive Sitting Room, Dining Room, Modern Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, White Suite Bathroom, Driveway, Garage and Pleasant Garden. EPC D.

£144,950



**WOLVERHAMPTON, Farrington Road, Ettingshall Park**  
TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL - Gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed semi detached requiring updating comprising: hall, lounge, dining Room, fitted cloaks, kitchen, lobby, three bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, garage, garden. EPC:D SEDGLEY

Offers in the region of £139,950



**DUDLEY, Brelades Close, Milking Bank**  
ABSOLUTELY OUTSTANDING, Freehold, gas centrally heated & double glazed semi detached comprising: entrance hallway, living room with 'Minton' style overmantle, kitchen with an extensive range of 'Avanti' high gloss white finish units, understairs store. Enlarged bedroom one, further bedroom, bathroom with stylish Italian "Roca" suite. Landscaped gardens, potential garage space. EPC: D. SEDGLEY

Offers in the region of £137,950



**SEDGLEY, Royston Way**  
Stylish, significantly enhanced, Freehold, gas centrally heated & double glazed semi detached with open aspect at rear & comprising: entrance porch, hall, cloakroom & further store, lounge, dining kitchen with a range of cream finish units, rear porch. Three bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, block paved parking & gravelled rear garden. EPC: T.B.A. SEDGLEY

Offers in the region of £119,750



**KINGSWINFORD, Hazel Road**  
Well placed close to the centre of Kingswinford within this popular and established location, this IMPROVED TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE offers a SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM layout, plus DRIVEWAY and a large rear garden. EPC E

£117,500



**NETHERTON, St. Peters Road**  
This THREE BEDROOM, SEMI DETACHED HOME is situated within this respected NETHERTON address and offered for sale with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Comprising: Hall, Sitting Room with Dining Area, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom and Large Rear Garden. EPC D

£114,950



**LOWER GORNAL, Summit Place**  
Traditional, majority double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached is situated in an established location convenient for local amenities. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, driveway & rear garden. EPC: E. SEDGLEY

WAS £120,000, NOW £114,950



**UPPER GORNAL, Tenacre Lane**  
Modernised & conscientiously maintained, gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed & well insulated semi detached in popular district. Offering further potential, the accommodation comprises: hall, lounge, kitchen, pantry, dining room. Three bedrooms, bathroom, separate toilet. Off road parking (kerb dropped) and low maintenance gardens. EPC: C. SEDGLEY

Offers in the region of £110,000





**SEDGLEY, Sunningdale Road, Northway**  
ENVIABLY SITUATED with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS - Gas centrally heated, primarily double glazed, EXTENDED detached family home comprising hall, cloakroom, large living/dining room with doors through to garden room, inner study/breakfast room and spacious kitchen beyond. THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS, bathroom with 'heritage' fitted suite, garage, drive, delightful garden backing onto open fields. EPC: T.B.A SEDGLEY



**DUDLEY, Clearwell Gardens, Milking Bank area**  
ENVIABLY SITUATED IN QUIET CUL DE SAC convenient for so many amenities! A substantial appreciably spacious freehold, gas centrally heated & double glazed detached family residence comprising porch, reception hall, fitted cloakroom, dining room, lounge with bay and 'living flame' gas fire, breakfast kitchen, superb principal bedroom suite (running full width of the first floor with fitted and built in wardrobes and shower room en suite) 3 further bedrooms (2 with wardrobes) bathroom with stylish white suite, garage, secluded professionally landscaped rear garden. EPC Rating: T.B.A.. SEDGLEY



**NETHERTON, The Willows**  
SUBSTANTIAL DETACHED HOME in corner position, comprising: Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Breakfast Kitchen, Conservatory, FOUR BEDROOMS (master EN-SUITE) Bathroom; GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. DRIVEWAY, GARAGE & rear garden. EPC C

Offers in the region of £239,950

Offers in the region of £229,950

£220,000



**SEDGLEY, South View Road, Northway**  
SPECTACULAR KITCHEN! Personal inspection imperative to appreciate kitchen. Gas centrally heated & double glazed accommodation includes porch, hall, dining room, lounge, three beds, bathroom, garden, parking. EPC: D.SEDGLEY



**WOLVERHAMPTON, Dovedale Road, Ettingshall Park**  
Conscientiously maintained, enlarged, gas centrally heated, double glazed family home requiring some sympathetic updating but offering potential set in popular district comprising: porch, hall, large 27'2" through living/dining room, pantry, kitchen, utility room, separate WC. Three generous bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, garage, block paved fore garden, good sized rear garden. EPC: T.B.A. SEDGLEY



**NETHERTON, Racemeadow Crescent**  
This Stylish, Modern, three bedroom, three storey semi detached home comprises: Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Guest WC, Conservatory, two first floor Bedrooms, Bathroom, second floor Master Bedroom with Dressing Room and Ensuite, Garage and Garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC C.



**SEDGLEY, Porthkerry Grove, Brownswall Estate**  
Conscientiously maintained, freehold, gas centrally heated & primarily double glazed semi detached with potential set in short favoured cul-de-sac comprising: porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, lobby, store, Three generous bedrooms (possibilities of enlarging third bedroom into eaves?) bathroom, garage, sheltered rear garden. EPC: D. SEDGLEY



**UPPER GORNAL, Goodrich Mews, 'Hedgerows'**  
Covered by remainder of NHBC guarantee, a SPACIOUS, gas centrally heated & double glazed semi detached envially situated upon highly regarded development comprising: reception hall, cloakroom, 17 ft through lounge, REFITTED dining kitchen with an extensive range of high fashion units. Three bedrooms, bathroom with white suite. Neat garden & brick GARAGE together with further parking to rear. EPC:T.B.A. SEDGLEY

Offers in the region of £182,500

Offers in the region of £176,950

£162,500

Offers in the region of £160,000

Offers in the region of £159,950



**DUDLEY WOOD, Crabourne Road**  
This BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED, EXTENDED, TWO BEDROOM HOME, comprises: Hall, Sitting Room, Well Fitted Dining Kitchen, Dining Room, Further Reception Room - (Could be used as a Third Bedroom), Two First Floor Bedrooms, Modern Bathroom and Rear Garden. EPC C



**LOWER GORNAL, Wealdstone Drive**  
Gas centrally heated uPVC Double glazed 'starter home' in exemplary order - hall, fitted cloaks, lounge, transverse dining kitchen; three bedrooms reappointed bathroom, parking to front, landscaped garden. EPC D. SEDGLEY



**TIPTON, Lea Green Avenue, Foxyards**  
OUTSTANDING & EXTENDED, gas centrally heated, double glazed semi detached comprising: reception hall, extended L shape 22'3" living/dining room, kitchen with a fine range of 'satin cream' finish units, vestibule/buter porch, two double bedrooms, bathroom, Part integral garage, gardens. (Mining history available) EPC: T.B.A. SEDGLEY



**NETHERTON, Chichester Avenue**  
Enjoying a corner setting within this established address, this EXTENDED, TWO BEDROOM HOME, comprises: Hall, Sitting Room, Further Sitting Room - (Could be used as a Third Bedroom), Kitchen, Two First Floor Bedrooms, Bathroom, Garage and Garden. EPC D



**SEDGLEY, Gospel End Street**  
Quaint, gas centrally heated & double glazed 19th century cottage in Conservation Area comprehensively restored with Sitting room (Inglebrook /woodburner), breakfast kitchen (granite work surfaces), cellar, Principal bedroom (lofty ceiling, exposed beams) further bedroom, shower room, garden. EPC:D.SEDGLEY

£132,500

Offers in the Region of £127,950

Offers in the region of £120,000

£119,950

Offers in the region of £119,950



**LANESFIELD, Ward Grove**  
An outstanding, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated semi-detached in exemplary order throughout briefly comprising: hall, lounge, refitted dining kitchen; two double bedrooms, reappointed bathroom. Lengthy garden. EPC:D SEDGLEY



**PENSNETT, Medway Close**  
Enjoying a pleasant setting, this MOST APPEALING, TWO BEDROOM HOME has a Double Glazed and Gas Centrally Heated layout and comprises: Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Separate W.C, Garage, Garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC D



**QUARRY BANK, Thornhill Road**  
BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED, TWO BEDROOM, SEMI DETACHED HOME recommended for viewing and comprising: Porch, Hall, sitting room, breakfast kitchen, conservatory, landing, two bedrooms, modern bathroom, SUBSTANTIAL REAR GARDEN and Driveway. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC: D.



**SEDGLEY, Braemar Close, Northway**  
NO UPWARD CHAIN. Double glazed, part gas centrally heated (not tested) "starter home" comprising: porch, hall, cloakroom, kitchen, L' shape living/dining room, CONSERVATORY. Three bedrooms, bathroom. Gardens. EPC: D. SEDGLEY



**NETHERTON, Field Mews**  
This VERY WELL PRESENTED, TWO BEDROOM, MEWS STYLE HOME would be the ideal FIRST TIME BUY and comprises: Reception Hall, Kitchen, Sitting Room, Two Bedrooms, Modern Bathroom, Driveway and Rear Garden. GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND DOUBLE GLAZING. EPC: C

Offers in excess of £110,000

£109,950

New price

£109,950

PRICE: £104,950

£98,500



# Kitchen-conservatory is a highlight of this home



**AN improved and spacious four-bedroom individual property, Lower Patin, The Lea, Kidderminster, is on the Bewdley side of town.**

It is for sale through Allan Morris Estate Agents at £375,000.

Set back behind a wide driveway with parking for up to four cars, it has gas central heating and double glazing, a reception hall, an impressive kitchen/conservatory extending to over 26ft with an electric double oven, five ring hob, dishwasher, washing machine and tumble dryer and bin store, 15ft square conservatory, spacious rear lounge, four principal bedrooms plus a study/fifth bedroom. with the master having fitted furniture and stylish en suite, bathroom with a shaped bath, garden with decking area and a garage/store.

Contact Allan Morris Estate Agents on 01562 747755 or visit [www.allan-morris.co.uk](http://www.allan-morris.co.uk)



## Three-bed semi is near historic park

**THIS tastefully improved three-bedroomed semi-detached house in Manor Lane, Halesowen, has lovely views over The Leasowes.**

It is for sale through Scriven & Co on £249,950 with no chain.

It has a porch, reception hall with staircase off, dining room with a bay window, laminate flooring and a bay window, living room with a multi-panelled glazed door opening out to the garden, a kitchen with cooker recess and a cooker hood, a sun room with vinyl flooring, utility, WC, three bedrooms and a bathroom, garage and garden.

For further information contact Scriven & Co on 0121 4224011 or visit the website [www.scriven.co.uk](http://www.scriven.co.uk)



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**Dudley, Wellfield Gardens**

This BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED, TWO BEDROOM, MID TERRACE HOME should be the ideal first time buy or buy-to-let investment and comprises: Hall, Sitting Room, Dining Kitchen, Two Generous Bedrooms, Bathroom, Off Road Parking and Pretty Rear Garden. EPC C.

£97,500



**Brierley Hill, Springfield Road**

This WELL APPOINTED AND BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED, THREE BEDROOM, SEMI-DETACHED HOME, should appeal to first time buyers and buy-to-let investors and comprises: Hall, Attractive Lounge, Guests W.C, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom and Large Garden. EPC D.

£96,950



**PENSNETT, Church Street**

This BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED, TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOME is recommended for viewing and briefly comprises: Hall, attractive sitting room, dining room, fitted modern kitchen, landing, two bedrooms, family bathroom and rear garden. EPC: E.

£89,950



**Brierley Hill, Leys Crescent**

This traditional style, Three Bedroom Semi Detached home would now ideally benefit from cosmetic improvement, yet OFFERS EXCELLENT POTENTIAL and comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Bathroom, Three Bedrooms and Gardens. EPC: E.

£89,950



**UPPER GORNAL, Priors Mill**

Mostly uPVC double glazed gas centrally heated mid starter-home NO UPWARD CHAIN - Hall, Lounge, Dining room, Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, lawned Gardens and secure PARKING to rear. EPC C. SEDGLEY

Offers in the region of £89,950



**Dudley, Aldeney Close**

This 'Contemporary Styled' GROUND FLOOR FLAT forms part of this attractive development and comprises: Communal Hall, Flats Own Hall, Splendid Kitchen being open plan with Combined Sitting Room, Generous Double Bedroom and Modern Bathroom. EPC C

£87,950



**WOODSETTON, Roper Walk**

uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated first floor flat briefly comprising hall, store, 17'3" living/dining room, kitchen, double bedroom with wardrobes, bathroom, shared grounds & allocated parking. EPC D. SEDGLEY

Offers in the Region of £67,950



**SEDGLEY, Fir Tree Drive**

50% SHARED OWNERSHIP - There is the opportunity of purchasing the other 50% share for the full price of £132,500. Stylish, DOUBLE GLAZED, gas centrally heated semi detached comprising: entrance hallway, living/dining room, dining kitchen. Two double bedrooms, bathroom, parking, gated driveway, GARAGE, garden. Vendors 50% share available at £66,250. EPC: T.B.A. SEDGLEY

Price: £66,250 for 50% share



**COSELEY, Yew Tree Lane**

70% SHARE FOR SALE. GROUND FLOOR, two bedrooms, centrally heated & double glazed flat, walking distance of COSELEY RAILWAY STATION (remaining 30% owned by Housing Association), ample parking, lawned grounds. EPC: C. SEDGLEY

OA £60,000 for 70% share.



**Brierley Hill, Foxdale Drive**

This ground floor, one bedroom flat is pleasantly situated in communal grounds, and briefly comprises: hall, lounge, kitchen, double bedroom, bathroom with white suite, and allocated parking space. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC E

£47,500



**DUDLEY**



**Yarners Close**

- \* A well presented DETACHED
- \* Sought after Miling Bank address
- \* Lounge and dining room
- \* Kitchen and utility room
- \* FOUR bedrooms
- \* En-suite and house bathroom
- \* Garage and driveway
- \* EPC Rating - C

£279,950

**SEDGLEY**



**Gospel End Road**

- \* NO UPWARD CHAIN
- \* An excellent size DETACHED home
- \* Sought after Gospel End address
- \* Open plan and recently fitted kitchen
- \* Utility room, play room/sitting room
- \* FOUR bedrooms, two en-suites
- \* Driveway parking for several cars
- \* Part garage and private rear garden
- \* EPC Rating - D

ASKING PRICE £349,950

**ETTINGSHALL PARK**



**Doverdale Road**

- \* A MODERN three bedroom semi
- \* Enhanced & upgraded throughout
- \* Kitchen, utility & guest w.c.
- \* THREE bathrooms
- \* Dining room
- \* Fabulous rear garden
- \* Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN
- \* EPC Rating - C

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £149,950

**SEDGLEY**



**Sandyfields Road**

- \* An excellent size semi-detached
- \* Corner plot with planning permission
- \* Ideal location for Gornal Village
- \* Lounge & separate dining room
- \* Contemporary Kitchen
- \* THREE bedrooms and family bathroom
- \* Private rear garden & off road parking
- \* EPC Rating - D

OFFERS BASED ON £109,950

**PENN**



**Manor Road**

- \* End TOWN HOUSE
- \* Lounge and dining kitchen
- \* Conservatory
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* Block paved driveway
- \* Rear Garden
- \* Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN
- \* EPC Rating - D

£197,500

**COSELEY**



**Beach Avenue**

- \* A well presented DORMER Bungalow
- \* Popular residential area
- \* Open plan dining kitchen
- \* Lounge and downstairs bathroom
- \* Two bedrooms and en-suite
- \* Garden to the front and rear
- \* VIEWING IS RECOMMENDED
- \* EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £124,950

**UPPER GORNAL**



**Eve Lane**

- \* A traditional THREE bed semi
- \* Having been fully renovated
- \* Open plan EXTENDED kitchen
- \* Brand new kitchen and bathroom
- \* Upvc double glazed throughout
- \* Gas centrally heated
- \* NO UPWARD CHAIN
- \* EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £151,950

**COSELEY**



**Skinmore Road**

- \* BRAND NEW development
- \* Only 4 PLOTS left
- \* Town house / Semi-detached
- \* TWO bedrooms
- \* Luxury kitchen and bathroom
- \* Allocated parking \* Rear gardens
- \* Flexible mortgages available
- \* EPC rating - B

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £139,950

**WOODSETTON**



**Hilary Crescent**

- \* A traditional THREE bedrooms semi
- \* Modernised throughout & extended
- \* Open plan style kitchen & utility
- \* Lounge and dining room
- \* Pleasant rear garden
- \* NO UPWARD CHAIN
- \* Ideal INVESTMENT opportunity
- \* EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £115,000

**LOWER GORNAL**



**Weststone Drive**

- \* A beautifully presented mid terrace
- \* Lounge & dining kitchen
- \* Two double bedrooms
- \* Modern bathroom
- \* Off road parking for two vehicles
- \* Private rear garden
- \* An ideal first time buy
- \* EPC Rating - C

OFFERS OVER £119,000

**COSELEY, COSELEY**



**Ladymore Road**

- \* A traditional style semi-detached
- \* In need of some repair & cosmetic works
- \* Open plan style dining kitchen
- \* THREE bedrooms
- \* Gas centrally heated
- \* An excellent size & private rear garden
- \* Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN
- \* EPC Rating - E

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £87,500

**COSELEY**



**Southall Crescent**

- \* A spacious Terrace property
- \* Walking distance to Train Station
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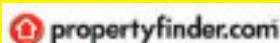
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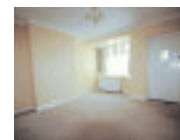
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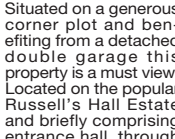
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## Kia Sportage wows the judges

The Kia Sportage has been awarded with the Used Car of the Year Award at the coveted Car Dealer Magazine Used Car Awards.

Impressing the judges with its sales performance in showrooms, strong residual values and positive press reviews, the Sportage came top ahead of very worthy competitors such as the Citroen DS3 and Volkswagen Golf.

For this award Car Dealer Magazine looked firstly into the huge amount of nominations that they had from Car Dealer Magazine readers. The judges

then looked at the popularity with trade, residual values from experts, searches on classified websites as well as press reviews, from the UK media.

For the Sportage to make the short-list it first had to gain the most number of votes before being handed over to the judges, this emphasis on the nominations made it more the dealers' used car of the year rather than being based just on the numbers.

Wheeler Dealers presenter and awards host, Mike Brewer said: "The Sportage has impressed ever since the fresh design arrived on the scene.

Three years on it is still performing incredibly well in showrooms and this has meant used performances have been equally impressive. Couple in strong residual values and excellent press reviews, our judges really could make no other choice."

The Sportage is Kia's best-selling model in the UK, claiming around a quarter of the brand's total sales. With desirable levels of equipment, stunning appearance and impressive performance figures, teamed with a recent facelift for 2014, the Sportage is an attractive option for many, new or used.



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# Great value for money in new Jeep Renegade

**Pricing for the all-new Jeep Renegade small SUV has just been announced. Order books for this exciting new addition to the Jeep range opened this week, ahead of its arrival mid-February.**

With a starting price of just £16,995 on-the-road for the front-wheel drive 1.6-litre eTorq Evo 110hp Sport, the new car represents outstanding value for money.

At the top end of the exciting, all-new Renegade range, the highly specified 2.0-litre MJet 170hp 4WD Auto Low Trailhawk version costs £27,995 on-the-road, and features 17-inch aluminium wheels, dual zone climate control, transfer case, front suspension and fuel tank skid plates, heated front seats and steering wheel, leather upholstery and rear parking sensors.

## Unique

A special 'Opening Edition' version, limited to just 200 units will also be available at launch in Alpine White or Omaha Orange, both incorporating a black painted roof and with a unique interior and 18-inch wheels.

The all-new Jeep Renegade is the first model in the brand's history to be built in Italy and the first vehicle from Fiat Chrysler Automobiles to be jointly developed by Italian and American designers and engineers. It will be sold in more than 100 countries including the United States.

In the UK, the new Jeep will be available in a full-range comprising four different trim levels – Sport, Longitude, Limited and Trailhawk – equipped with efficient turbo-diesel and petrol engines and available in four-wheel drive or front-wheel drive configurations.

Packed with a strong style and personality, and the right size for both city and countryside, the new Renegade has best-in-class interior roominess, excellent on-road driving dynamics and supreme off-road capabilities. It has also just been awarded a Euro NCAP five-star safety rating.

The car's advanced 4x4 systems incorporate a category-exclusive rear axle disconnect that switches seamlessly between

two- and four-wheel-drive for reduced energy loss when 4x4 capability isn't needed, improving fuel efficiency in the process. And the first-in-segment nine-speed automatic transmission ensures benchmark performance both on- and off-road.

From any angle Renegade reveals the distinctive design cues of the brand's stylistic heritage, such as round headlamps, signature seven-slot grille and trapezoidal wheel arches.

Two open-air roof systems will be available to provide customers with open-air freedom: a large electric sliding glass roof or the unique-to-segment 'My Sky' – its two panels can be removed and stowed in the boot.

The interior features a modern, refined look, in line with the brand's DNA. The cabin is characterised by attention to detail, innovative colour combinations, high-quality materials, advanced technological contents and clever and functional storage areas.

Standard equipment in the well-equipped entry-level Sport includes air conditioning, DAB radio with touchscreen and Bluetooth, electric parking brake, 16-inch alloy wheels, tyre pressure monitoring, and remote central locking.

Longitude adds features including 17-inch aluminium wheels, six-speaker audio system, roof rails, body coloured door mirrors and handles, cruise control, and front fog lamps.

Limited version further adds 18-inch aluminium wheels, chromed exhaust tip, Forward Collision Mitigation, heated front seats and steering wheel, leather upholstery, privacy glass and rear parking sensors.

"We have all been eagerly awaiting Renegade – here at Jeep, our customers, dealers and the media – and its arrival is now just a few weeks away," says Damien Dally, head of brand, Jeep UK.

"It's exactly what the Jeep brand needs now and certainly, we have seen a huge interest in this exciting new car.

"Jeep is the original 'Go Anywhere, Do Anything' brand, and we are confident that we can offer great cars at exceptional value to keep Renegade at the front of all prospective buyers' minds."





# All-new i40 for Europe revealed by Hyundai

By Matt Joy

Hyundai Motor has introduced its new i40 Tourer and Saloon, enhancing the brand's product line-up in Europe's competitive D-segment.

A flagship car for Hyundai Motor in Europe at its launch, the original i40 has achieved sales of 100,000 units and played an important role in changing customers' perceptions of the Hyundai brand.

The new i40 now features refined exterior styling, an up-graded range of responsive, efficient diesel engines, the addition of a new seven-speed dual-clutch transmission, improvements in ride and handling and several 'first-for-Hyundai' active safety and convenience features. Many of the new technologies were first seen on the new Hyundai Genesis.

Designed and engineered at the company's European R&D headquarters in Rüsselsheim, Germany, the refreshed design for New i40 retains the distinctive visual appeal and practicality of the original model, combining practicality with engaging design.

Exterior enhancements include an updated design for front and rear lamps, a more sophisticated hexagonal grille, a new front bumper, and new integrated LED fog lamps as introduced in Genesis. The profile is refreshed by newly-designed 16- and 18-inch alloy wheels.

New i40 is available with an enhanced engine line-up of two Euro6-compliant diesel power units from 115 PS up to 141 PS. These have been re-engineered to deliver increased responsiveness and efficiency.

## Upgraded

A new seven-speed dual-clutch transmission is available for the upgraded 1.7-litre diesel engine with 141 PS. It provides improved fuel efficiency, and offers drivers fully automatic operation or manual gear changes through paddles on the steering wheel for greater driver involvement.

Technologies included: Integrated Stop & Go (ISG), alternator management system, and active front flaps help to further reduce emissions and fuel consumption.

For better cornering and to improve the overall agility, the New i40 now offers Advanced Traction Cornering Control (ATCC) (subject to market specification). The system uses electronic sensors to emulate the behaviour of a limited-slip differential during cornering, providing additional traction, better grip and improved handling.

New i40's Drive Mode settings are enhanced by the new Rear Electronic Damping Control System (ECS) (subject to market specification), which will be equipped on the rear axle of the most popular New i40 body type – the Tourer. The driver will also be able to adapt the suspension settings through the drive modes to suit his driving style. In addition to the rear suspension, the steering, the transmission logic\* and throttle response\* are all influenced by the selection. This technology follows the electronic damping control introduced on the Genesis.

Hyundai has expanded the comprehensive list of available active and passive safety technologies for the New i40 even further.

As well as the existing Lane Keep Assist System, additional functions include the new Smart High Beam (SHB) system (available subject to market specification), which monitors approaching traffic and automatically turns off the high beam to avoid dazzling other drivers. This system was first seen on the premium Genesis model.

The new Speed Limit Identification Function system checks roadside signs and displays a current speed limit alert to the driver via the new TFT display on the instrument panel. It is the first time Hyundai is bringing this technology to its line-up. (available subject to market specification)

Also introduced in the New i40 is the company's latest navigation technology with enhanced touchscreen functionality and new visualisation for better usability. The two new audio systems are available with several new features including DAB technology for the top version.

Like all new Hyundai models, the new i40 is backed up by Hyundai's unique, Europe-only, Five Year Unlimited Mileage Warranty package.



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## Town side come into 2015 on a downer

**Tipton Town 0 Causeway Utd 1**  
AFTER finishing 2014 on a high in the Midland Football League, Premier Division with a first win under the management duo of Nick Pugh and Wes Cox, Tipton will be disappointed to have opened 2015 with a lacklustre display.

Their opponents Causeway, themselves had a new man at the helm – Mark Jones who has Andy Mole since their last outing.

On a bitterly cold January day, the opening exchanges were even as the two sides – understandably, given the pressures of league positions – weighed each other up in midfield with only the sporadic effort on goal being comfortably taken by the two goalkeepers.

After 18 minutes it was the Tipton goal which felt the first real pressure, as a corner kick resulted in a goalmouth scramble which eventually saw Tipton 'keeper Matt Martin collect the ball.

The deadlock was broken in the 44th minute when excellent work down the Causeway left squared to Sam Beasley who made no mistake in drilling the ball past Martin.

**Course to train refs of future**  
A STAFFORDSHIRE college will host a course starting next week for anyone thinking of becoming a football referee.

The Staffordshire FA will run the course, starting January 12 at Erasmus Darwin College in Chasetown.

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# Penalties prove a problem for Old Hales

**Nuneaton 24 Old Halesonians 14**  
OLD Hales were disrupted by a late cry off from coach Mark Evans and Skipper Rich Taylor. The front row was made up of Tom Dempsey, Callum Young at hooker and Pete Fitzgerald taking Taylor's place on the loose head after weeks of injury.

For the first 12 minutes Hales put pressure on the home team.

They managed to get themselves a 14-0 lead, the first try from some excellent forward and back combination play following a lineout ball from Tom King for full back Chris Hooper to score a well worked try, converted by him.

**Rugby**  
Shortly after a Nuneaton attack saw a long pass in the backs, intercepted by Hooper, who sprinted 50 metres for his second try and conversion.

All this despite Hales being under immediate pressure from the home pack, this continued throughout the game. Hales gave away far too many penalties.

This resulted in three of the four penalties converted to reduce the deficit to 9-14. Hales managed to put themselves in try

scoring positions near to the Nuneaton line but failed to take advantage.

Continued pressure close to the Nuns line was not capitalised on despite the home side at one point down to 14 men. This was a crucial part of the game, the half time lead left Hales in a confident position with lots to do.

The second half was all Nuneaton with Hales struggling to dominate. The penalty count continued. Nuns continued the pressure.

A penalty and a converted try in close succession gave Nuns the lead and Hales were again against it when prop Padian re-

ceived a yellow card. The home side again took the game to Hales and an interception gave them the win.

Team manager Simon Hussey said "We did not compete up front and gave too many penalties away, something we thought we had solved."

"We need to regroup and get a full fit squad back on track next week at Sutton"

Old Hales meet Sutton Coldfield away this Saturday, kick off 2.15pm.

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Old Hales were forced to make late changes Old Halesonians 4ths 40 Essington 10

# Yeltz are put on the spot to grab victory

**Halesowen Town 4 Barwell 1**  
HALESOWEN bounced back to winning ways with a convincing victory where three goals came from the penalty spot.

The win completed Halesowen's first double of season but, arguably, an even more significant milestone of progress was passed as the Yeltz moved above their nearest geographical neighbours in the league table.

Man of the match Aaron Daniels caused all the early danger and fired Halesowen into an eighth minute lead with a smart finish from the left after being set up by Tom Tonks to register his first Halesowen goal.

Captain Joe Hull headed at goalkeeper James Beeson in the 13th minute before Barwell earned their first corner in the 17th minute with Anthony Carney blasting the loose ball off target.

Just before the interval, danger-man Daniels set up Christie to volley just wide and Kris Green surged down the right to fire another chance just over the Barwell bar after Tonks won the ball in midfield and fed Christie.

The Yeltz had the benefit of the wind behind them in the second period, although the opening stages gave little hint of the drama to unfold as Beeson punched clear a long throw-in from Tonks in the 52nd minute and Daniels was blocked on the turn after Hull headed on another long Tonks throw-in.

Penalties came thick and fast midway through the second half with referee Stuart England awarding three within six minutes.

In the 61st minute Dan-

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iels broke free into the penalty box and although his first shot was blocked, he recovered and was impeded on his second attempt with Eagdale pointing to the spot.

Christie jinked on his run up before smacking home the perfect, unstoppable penalty into the top corner to double Halesowen's lead.

Christie was substituted and after goalkeeper Beeson needlessly pushed Daniels near the bye-line, the responsibility of a second penalty award fell for Aaron Forde to convert the spot-kick.

But Barwell reduced the arrears when Carney stroked home another penalty kick into the bottom corner on 67 minutes at the other end.

With the points already safe, the Yeltz almost increased the lead when Daniels struck wide in the 78th minute after being set free by substitute Ben Haseley.

But substitute Elliott Turner completed the scoring at 4-1 as his low shot nestled into Beeson's bottom corner.

In injury time Turner almost added a fifth.

## Glassboys get New Year off to flying start



Brown wheels away in delight after scoring his goal for Stourbridge during the shutout against Witton

**Stourbridge 3 Witton Albion 0**  
STOURBRIDGE brushed off their poor performance at Rushall on New Year's Day to impress in front of the home fans.

They were always on top against a Witton side who are struggling to get away from the lower reaches of the Evo-Stik Premier Division and move up to 10th place in the league table.

The Glassboys pushed from the start and Kayelden Brown went close

on eight minutes but saw his shot tipped over by visiting goalkeeper Andy Robertson.

But from the resulting corner taken by Drew Canavan, Exodus Geohagon produced a bullet header from close range to give the keeper no chance and notch his first goal for the Glassboys.

Witton almost equalised shortly after with their only real chance of the game when Luke Clark sent

a great free-kick towards goal but it was tipped onto the bar by Dean Coleman.

On 20 minutes, Luke Benbow slipped a short through ball to Brown who applied the finish to make it 2-0.

Although there were not as many chances in the second half, with some scrappy play, Stourbridge scored on 63 minutes when Canavan supplied a low cross from the right-hand side and George Bowerman scored.

## Athletes step into New Year with run

DUDLEY and Stourbridge Harriers athletes where well to the fore at the weekend when they were taking part in the Worcestershire County cross country Championships at Coton Park.

For the men Lee Slater continued his fine form taking the senior title with a time of 35min 30sec.

Dave Nation was 15th in 39.25; Paul Waby just behind in 18th in 39.57 and also taking the veteran M50 title.

Also for the club was Dave Ratcliffe who came in 22nd with a time of 41.06 and next was Rob Meredith a few seconds later 27th with 41.43.

Tom Slater was another winner in the under-13 boys race, leading the Dash team to second place as Adam Horton finished in ninth place in front of Adam Bodin who came in 11th followed by Harry Walters 12th.

Reece Ashfield ran well for fourth in the under-15 boys race and Jay Priantoro 10th.

Tom's sister Grace Slater had a great run as she finished fifth in the under-13 girls race.

Elliott Jones in the under-17 boys race ran well for fifth place with Ashleigh Bentley coming in with the seventh spot.

## Sako can't leave on high note

**Fulham 0 Wolves 0**  
HARD as he tried, Bakary Sako couldn't quite give Wolves something to remember him by.

At times in this game the Mali winger seemed to be on a one-man mission to find the moment which would have sent him to the African Cup of Nations with the plaudits ringing in his ears.

He came close when home keeper Marcus Bettinelli diverted his first-half drive onto the post thanks to the slightest of touches. A second-half snapshot also fizzed past the post while numerous crosses came close.

But the moment never came and Wolves now face an extra game again at Molineux.

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## Annual running ritual for DK club

THE New Year started with a bang for athletes from Dudley Kingswinford Running Club with the club's traditional New Year's Day Handicap race.

A 4.1 mile event goes from DK Rugby Club.

Rather than every runner starting together the slowest goes off first and the fastest goes off last with everyone else given adjusted start times in between the two depending on their ability with the intention that, if the handicapper has done his job properly, everyone finishes together.

With someone to chase and someone chasing you it makes for an interesting spectacle as runners approach the finish together in a big group.

With the race open to all-comers, not just DK members, it was left to Tipton Harrier, Tom Holden to record the fastest time of the day finishing in 29.14, from the DK pair of Ben Foster in 22.09 and Matt Biggs in 23.54.

In the women's event it was a home win for Sandra Brain who finished in 29.11. Cath Quane was runner up in 31.21 and Carol Fisher was 3rd in 31.31 making it a clean sweep for the blue hoops.

The prize for "nearest the handicap" going to Daren Thompson.

## Varnish picked for cup squad

JESS VARNISH has been included in a young Great Britain squad for the third and final round of the Track World Cup series, affording senior riders a break ahead of the Track World Championships.

Results at the London round left coaches reaching for their calculators to work out qualification points for February's World Championships in Paris.

Britain won four gold medals in London and only two of the squad from this month's event will travel to Cali, Colombia, for the third World Cup competition, which takes place from January 16 to 18.

Halesowen Cycling Club's Varnish and Vicky Williamson will compete in the women's sprint disciplines as part of a 16-rider squad of predominantly of British Cycling's Olympic Academy Programme riders.

## Mogridge eager to help club to more glory

CRADLEY new-boy Arron Mogridge is desperate to help the club claim an unprecedented third consecutive National League title.

Mogridge is the final member of the Heathens' side for the 2015 campaign, joining returning trio Max Clegg, Nathan Greaves and Matt Williamson plus fellow new signings Ellis Perks, Luke Harris and Michael Neale.

The 23-year-old, who is the son of former rider Alan, made his National League bow with Scunthorpe in 2014, achieving an encouraging 4.36 average following some

### Speedway

promising displays.

Having spent his debut season languishing at the bottom of the table with an inexperienced Stags side, Mogridge is eager to be in the mix for title glory this time around.

And having recognised the history behind the Cradley race jacket, he is looking for a strong season to help the club repeat their memorable title triumphs of the past two seasons when they move to Perry Barr.

Mogridge said: "I'm over the moon to have signed for Cradley and I'm very much looking forward to it."

"Obviously there is a great deal of history with regards to the club that I'm sure I'll get to know more and more."

"I'm very aware of the great support which is something I'm looking forward to. It's going to be an honour to ride for the Heathens."

"I'm looking forward to hopefully battling for the National League title."

"It would be great to help the club defend the title after they've won it the last

two years, and after Scunthorpe struggled it would be brilliant to be involved with a team towards the right end of the table."

"I feel like I've joined a club which will give me a really good platform to keep improving as a rider."

Fans will have the chance to welcome Mogridge and the rest of the Heathens side at a Meet the Riders Night at the Copthorne Hotel on March 11.

They will host their press and practice day from their new Birmingham base at midday before making the trip to the Briarley Hill (8pm). Tickets are £5.

## Scores are two a Penney

**Coalville 2 Tividale 2**  
TIVIDALE took a point home from pre-season league title favourites Coalville Town, grabbing seven out of a possible nine points in total.

Tividale opened the scoring on 20 minutes when Jean-Michel Gueyres and Zach Foster combined down the left and Foster's deep cross was headed home at the back post by Nigel Penney.

There was no letting up to the action in the second half and Coalville were level within five minutes of the start.

First-half hero Price fumbled Alex Dean's regulation cross and Woolley was first to react and he stabbed the ball home.

A minute later Tividale had restored their lead. Downing's free-kick was only half-cleared and Penney swept home his and Tividale's second from just inside the box. Coalville were now having all the possession and Tividale were retreating further into their penalty area and depending more on the counter-attack.

On 87 minutes, Coalville were level. The lively Munn gave Price no chance.

## Derby day for FA Cup draw

ALBION will travel to Blues for a Midlands derby in the FA Cup fourth round.

The Baggies will visit St Andrew's for the first time since March 2011, when they won 3-1 when both were Premier League sides.

Wolves will go to Premier League Sunderland if they beat Fulham in the replay. Villa face Bournemouth.

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# DK REMAIN AT ROCK BOTTOM

DK 6 South Leicester 36

**DK are rock bottom of National League Three Midlands after losing to leaders South Leicester.**

South Leicester proved why they are top of the league with 68 points, with probably the most assured performance against DK at Heathbrook this season.

The way that they put their game plan together, showed a complete performance.

Carl Douglas's side still have just one league victory this season after South Leicester showed why they are at the head of the pack.

DK's best chance of scoring a try came in the second half when the home side had put together a series of drives and resulting rucks by the forwards, they were steadily approaching the South Leicester try line.

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The ball shot out of a ruck, and South Leicester kicked for touch, the kick did not make it and was collected by Donavan Smile, who had open ground to run into with supporting players.

He was halted by a blast on the referee's whistle, who was drawn to a fight taking place under the South Leicester posts, which he resolved by giving two of the five yellow cards he issued during the game.

DK had to settle for a scrum 35 metres out without a scrum half and against reorganised defence.

DK probed throughout the game but found the

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South Leicester defence robust, and were unable to engineer the breaks.

Though, during the first half DK were having success in the scrummage with the front row of Rich Kelley, Jim Parkes, and Arran Hudson, certainly winning their battle and with aid of the back five, shunted South Leicester back on more than one occasion.

Though, perhaps the two tries scored by South Leicester's big wing Lee Robinson, summed up DK's problems, his first try was on 18 minutes.

His second was a simple run in after DK's defence was breached.

Jamie Hearn was able to kick two penalties after 38 and 56 minutes and could have slotted some more if DK had not slipped so far behind on the scoreboard.

This was a defeat, but there were many positives to take from the game, and DK need to take these positives into the coming games, especially this week's when the squad travels to neighbours Bournville.

The clash is a must win game.



Rhod Williams dives low to make the tackle in a game where South Leicester took the spoils

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